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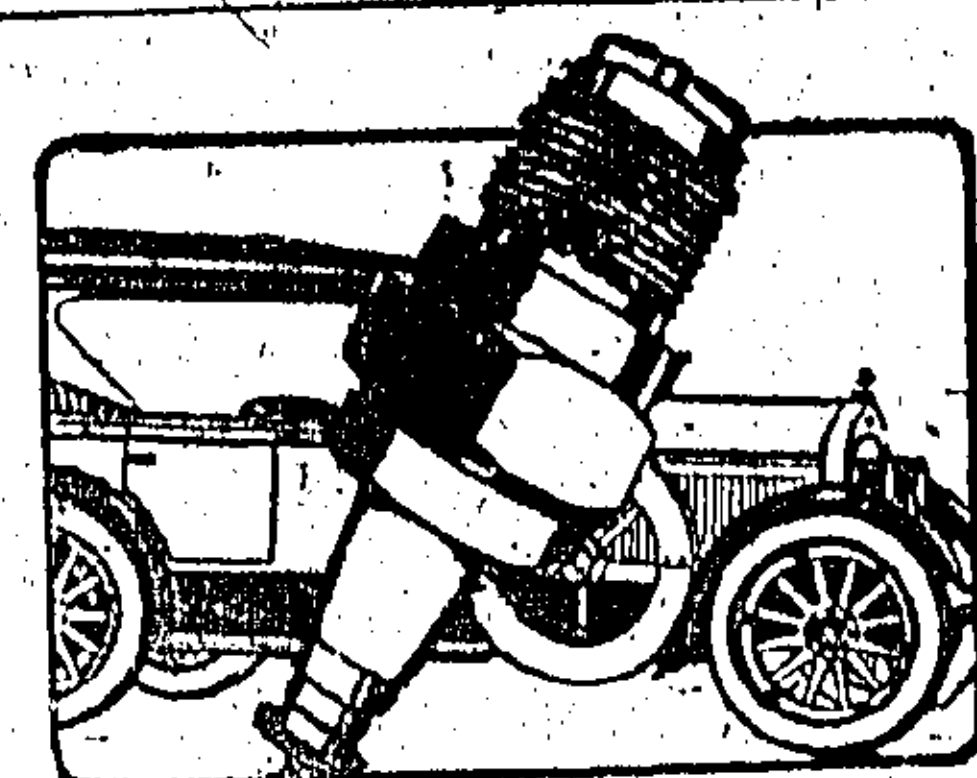
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KIUKIANG "REDS" OUSTED.

ANKING RE-CAPTURED BY THE SOUTH.

THREAT TO HANKOW GROWING MORE OMINOUS.

SWATOW MENACE REMOVED

All reports from the Yangtze region to-day tell of the resumption, on a big scale, of fighting between the North and South, and also of Marshal Chiang's definite move against the Hankow "Reds." In connexion with the latter, the Communists at Kiukiang have been driven out after a brief engagement.

In the fighting between North and South there have been gains and losses on both sides. Anking has been retaken by the Nationalists, and they are assembling strong forces in preparation for a big engagement very shortly. In other sectors, Fengtien troops are advancing. They are already across the borders of Hupeh and their threat to Hankow is becoming more ominous.

Although it is reported that conditions at Swatow are quiet, there have been severe engagements with "Red" forces up the river, where the Communists have been dispersed after a pitched battle. More "Moderate" reinforcements are being sent from Amoy.

The anti-Communist move at Canton is proceeding. It is reported that all but two of those arrested on Good Friday have now been executed.

ALLEGED WHOLESALE EXECUTIONS.

Shanghai, May 10.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have definitely moved towards clearing out the Communist clique from Hankow and other places under its control, and it is reliably reported that his forces have already driven the Communist Army from Kiukiang after a brief engagement.

Rumours have come through to the effect that the Fengtien forces have advanced rapidly from Chumien and are already over the border of the Hupeh Province.

Anking has been re-taken by the Southerners.

Shanghai is now normal, and the curfew order as applying to the International Settlement has been lifted.—*Naval Wireless.*

HEAVY SHELLING.

Resumption of Hostilities.

Nanking, May 10.
A resumption of hostilities between Nanking and Pukow occurred yesterday on a large scale, both places being heavily shelled, while rifle fire across the river continued all day. As yet no move has been made by either side towards an attempt to cross the river.—*Naval Wireless.*

SOUTH RECAPTURES ANKING.

Big Reinforcements Arrive.

Wuhu, May 10.
Brief skirmishes between the Southerners and Northerners on the Liuanchow to Lake Hoehow front presage a big engagement very shortly. The Southerners are adding to the armies already present, the 7th, 16th and 44th.

The only fighting on a big scale occurred yesterday in the vicinity of Yun Tsao, which is a few miles from Wuhu on the north bank of the Yangtze.

The Southern 10th Army recaptured Anking yesterday after a severe battle, and they are advancing rapidly. Anking is almost due south of the front mentioned above, the Northerners having formed a large salient in this region. The 10th Army are advancing to join up with the flank of the Nationalist Forces.—*Naval*

THREAT TO HANKOW.

Growing More Ominous.

Hankow, May 10.
The threat of the Fengtien troops to Hankow is more ominous, though there has been no change in the local situation.

It is reported that the Fengtien have captured Sinanien, and Kwangshui, having already invaded the borders of Hupeh. Definite information is not available.—*Naval Wireless.*

QUIET AT SWATOW.

No Serious "Red" Threat.

Swatow, May 10.
Life continues particularly quiet and peaceful in Swatow in spite of the many alarmist rumours that have been going round recently, writes our correspondent. Undoubtedly the Red element have had things more or less their own way in the outlying districts for some time but I doubt if there has ever been any serious threat to Swatow itself, and certainly there is none at the moment.

The s.s. Yuan Lee was commandeered last week and sent to Amoy for reinforcements. She returned on Sunday morning with 1,200 troops who appeared to be very well armed and included in their equipment 12 small field guns. With the arrival of these troops there was a distinct improvement in local feeling and even the most extreme pessimists appeared to take on an air of confidence.

The mill authorities now wish to see the s.s. Yuan Lee to Amoy again for another 500 troops but, as she is a very popular ship on the Swatow-Saigon run, the owners and others interested are doing their utmost to prevent this.

Pitched Battle With "Reds."

Swatow, May 10.
The authorities have sent about six hundred troops up river in the last forty-eight hours to intercept the "Reds."

It is reported that the troops met some of the Communist forces in the region of Puning, and that the latter were dispersed with heavy losses after a pitched battle.

Chaoyang and Kwella are now reported to be quiet. The Chinese steamer Yuanlee has again been commandeered for use as a transport, and it is now proceeding to Amoy for further troops.—*Naval Wireless.*

"RED" GENERAL ARRESTED.

Intercepted at Shanghai.

Canton, May 10.
General Li Chang-tat, a former Police Chief in Canton who was dismissed for his "Red" tendencies, has been arrested in Shanghai by the Nationalist authorities there.

According to reports received by local official circles, General Li was recently summoned by M. Borodin to Hankow, for the post of Managing-Director of the Peking-Hankow Railway.

General Li arrived at Shanghai a few days ago on his way to Hankow, but was discovered by the military authorities, who immediately had him placed under arrest. Li is at present detained in the Garrison Headquarters, and his life is reported to be in danger.

While he was Police Chief in Canton, as a successor to General Wu Te-chien, Li Chang-tat sided with the labour "Reds." He also allowed the "Reds" to carry on Communist propaganda among the police force, and proposed a big fraternity meeting between the "Red" labour and the police, just before he left the Police office.

Newspaper "Reds" Raided.

Large squads of armed police were sent to the Tai Pat Po, the "Fleet Street" of Canton, last night and visited the newspaper workrooms one by one.

Every one of the compositors and printers, who belong to the "Red" labour faction, was questioned and carefully examined, and those who were suspected were taken to the Police Headquarters. Among those arrested was Lai Chan-hoi, a commissioner of the Printers' Union and a notorious "Red" agitator.

Communists Executed.

The Police Department announced to-day that all the "Red" agitators who were arrested on April 15, have been executed, except two boys who were but 13 years old, and were too young for execution.

However, these two prisoners have been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

The Police Department and the Garrison Headquarters jointly issued a proclamation yesterday announcing that martial law in Canton has been withdrawn.—*Naval Wireless.*

DEFENCE FORCE COST.

No Outside Contributions.

London, May 10.

The question of the expenses of the Shanghai Defence Force was raised in the House of Commons by Colonel Wedgwood and Lieut. Comdr. Kenworthy, with the object of obtaining a contribution, locally or from the Powers interested in the retention of the British forces.

Mr. Churchill stated that he was not prepared to approach the British community in China when they were suffering more anxiety than any other class of Britishers. Obviously we had no power to levy a charge on the foreign community.

With regard to rents for the quarters utilised by the troops at Shanghai, he did not doubt that Sir L. Worthington Evans was continually enquiring with a view to ascertaining that prolonged occupation would not be charged at emergency rates.

He did not doubt that Britishers at Shanghai had already contributed considerably to the force and to other amenities for its benefit.—*Reuter.*

EXTRALITY POLICY.

British and U.S. Views.

London, May 10.

A question was asked in the House of Commons regarding an official United States statement that the United States were willing to negotiate a treaty abrogating extra-territorial rights in China, whenever China was prepared to protect United States property and citizens.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying, said that such statement was made by Mr. Kellogg, the United States Secretary of State, on January 28 last. A similar policy was declared by His Majesty's Government as far back as 1911.—*(Continued on Page 14.)*

CAPT. NUNGESSER STILL MISSING.

ALL-DAY SEARCH PROVES FRUITLESS.

EARLY NEWS CRITICISED.

London, May 11.
Ships in the Atlantic have been requested by wireless from Paris and New York to keep a look-out for Nungesser's machine.

The thick fog on the American Atlantic coast continues, and makes a search very difficult.—*Reuter.*

Premature Announcements.

Later.
Day-long searches in the English Channel and along the American coast have failed to yield news of Nungesser.

A Paris message says that Nungesser was the sole topic of the lobbies of the Chamber after the assembly, following a month's vacation.

The matter was immediately ventilated in the House. A number of Deputies blamed the Government for yesterday's misleading announcements, and asked who was responsible for an aeroplane dropping red rockets to signify Nungesser's success.

The Government spokesman, M. Bokanowski, counselled patience, and said there was a hope that the airman would yet turn up. He declared that the rockets were set up by a private firm.

M. Painleve declared that a telegram of congratulations he sent when he heard Nungesser was nearing New York, was despatched so that the airman would receive the message immediately he landed.—*Reuter.*

HIGHER WAGES.

SOVIET ADVOCACY AT GENEVA.

Geneva, May 10.

The Russian language was heard for the first time at the League of Nations meetings when Lepse, the president of the Soviet Metal-workers' Union, made a lengthy speech before the industry committee of the International Economic Conference.

Lepse regretted that there had been no allusion hitherto to the necessity of increasing workers' wages, and declared that nationalisation signified nothing but lower wages and more extensive exploitation of workers. He advocated the Soviet remedy of improving the workers' lot.

The speech was translated into French and English, and made a most unfavourable impression.

M. Jouhaux (France) intends to reply to it.
Herr Lammers (Germany) expressed the opinion that higher wages would not help industries, like the cotton industry, whose raw material had to be bought abroad, or assist countries to produce the excess of imports necessary to provide interest on war debt and sinking fund contributions.—*Reuter.*

OPIMUM SMUGGLER CAUGHT.

"RING" FOILED AT NEW YORK.

Boston, May 10.

A suitcase carried by a member of the crew leaving a British vessel which had just arrived, after a long voyage, was examined and found to contain \$50,000 worth of prepared opium.

Customs officials who searched the ship believe they have frustrated the activities of a large "ring" engaged in smuggling opium to New York's Chinatown.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DOISY'S GREAT VENTURE.

FRANCE TO INDO-CHINA IN TWO HOPS.

Paris, May 10.
Captain Pelletier Doisy is planning to fly to Saigon, with only one halt, which will be in India. He expects to leave on Thursday or Friday.—*Reuter.*

BIG DEATH ROLL.

BRITISH OFFICERS DROWNED.

TRAGEDY OF LOCKED GRILLES.

With the arrival in harbour at an early hour this morning of the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong, the story of the Leung Kwong river steamer disaster is completed. Conservative figures assess the loss of life at 65 to 70, among those missing being Chief Officer T. H. Martin and Chief Engineer, A. Donaldson.

It was ascertained from the Kwong Fook Cheong (Capt. A. F. Johnson) this morning, that the vessel arrived on the scene of the disaster at about 7.40 p.m., at which time the Leung Kwong was sinking by the head. The first impression was that the Leung Kwong had been pirated, but on approach, the screams of passengers who had jumped over board and the sight of the sinking vessel corrected this opinion.

Survivors Picked Up.

A boat was immediately lowered and was successful in picking 19 survivors, most of whom proved to be members of the crew. The work was carried out in darkness, there being no other illumination than the lights of the ships engaged in rescue work and the gradually dimmed deck lights of the sinking Leung Kwong.

No distress signals in the nature of blue lights or rockets were sent up and the saving effort was a Rembrandesque effort, which under the circumstances is highly creditable to those engaged. The Moonshine was at this time seen to be standing by and picking up other swimmers in the vicinity. After cruising about the scene of the disaster for more than an hour, the Kwong Fook Cheong proceeded to Kongsmoon.

Life Boats Lowered.

The tale as told by the On Lee was that she arrived on the scene at about 7.55 p.m. and, observing the condition of the Leung Kwong, which was even at that moment sinking, two life boats were lowered, under the direction of Chief Officer D. Boursfield and the work of rescue commenced. Among those picked up were Captain J. Wilson and six Indian Guards. All survivors were brought back to Hongkong and the master was landed for the purpose of making a report. Other survivors, including a number of women and children, were carried up to Kongsmoon and brought back this morning.

When picked up, the master was bleeding from head and hand wounds. First aid was rendered on board, but on arrival at Hongkong he immediately proceeded ashore to make the report and subsequently received medical treatment. The number picked up by the On Lee is officially stated to be 87. The Moonshine picked up 20 and the Kwong Fook Cheong, 19. Certain of the survivors were transferred to the Moonshine from both the On Lee and Kwong Fook Cheong and these in addition to those picked up by the vessel herself, is responsible for the confusion in the number of survivors and drowned.

Doubtful Numbers.

So far as can be ascertained from the agents, the ship sailed with about 130 passengers, of whom 86 were in the steerage, six in the European saloon, 11 in the Chinese saloon, and 50 of the official crew. There would be in addition a number of "hangers on" selling sweetmeats and cigarettes, who would not be accounted for on the 80 folios for cargo purposes. The police report states that 120 are missing, but taking the figures of the agent and comparing them with those of the rescuing boats, it is probable that no more than 70 have been drowned. Difficultly has been experienced in arriving at a total of those lost, by reason of the fact that tickets are not taken until approaching the destination; in this case Kongsmoon; thus it is impossible to state how many were actually on board at the time of the disaster.

Clinging To Wreckage.

All vessels on the scene of the accident tell harrowing stories of the calls for help by (Continued on Page 8.)

PLUCKY COOK FIGHTS ROBBERS.

A. P. C. BUILDING RAID SEQUEL.

FRIENDS' TIMELY ARRIVAL.

Resisting an attempt to dispossess him of keys giving access to his employer's room in the 7th floor of the A. P. C. Building, a cook employed by Mr. W. Saunders was struck with a chopper by robbers who went into the cook-house shortly after nine o'clock last night.

While on the point of making their escape with a sum of money stolen from Mr. Saunders' room, one of the men was secured by friends of the cook who paid a timely call. Money was afterwards found scattered on the staircase by the other robber, who succeeded in getting clear away.

When the police arrived to take the captured man into custody, they found the cook suffering from nasty cuts in the hands and arms, and instantly had him removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A statement has since been made revealing a very plucky act by the cook.

Cut in Struggle.

When two men called on him whilst he was at work in the cook-house, and threatened him with a knife which they picked up from a table, he was not to be intimidated, but very gallantly resisted their efforts to dispossess him of the keys of Mr. Saunders' office. While one man used the knife to inflict some nasty cuts, the other robber struck the cook on the head with some hard article which almost laid the struggling man out. Then, having overpowered him, they took the keys, and while one of the robbers was left behind to keep a watchful eye over their victim, his companion went into Mr. Saunders' room, later returning with \$55 which he proceeded to divide with his partner.

While thus pleasantly occupied, they were surprised by the entry of two men coming to pay a call on the cook. The robbers instantly fled, but one was caught by the cook's friends and turned over to the police. The other made his escape.

Of the money stolen from Mr. Saunders' room, \$33.97 was subsequently recovered on the staircase.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

OF ADVANTAGE TO THE DUTCH?

London, May 10.
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) as to whether the Stevenson scheme was proving of advantage to non-British rubber plantations, especially Dutch, Mr. Amery said that the stabilisation of prices at a not unremunerative level in consequence of the scheme, had obviously benefited the producers who were not subject to restriction, but he saw no reason to suppose that in the long run the effect would be disadvantageous to British interests.

The Stevenson committee had undoubtedly saved the British plantations from ruin and bankruptcy.

He believed there was some evidence in support of the suggestion by Mr. Macquisten that the Dutch interests who had not accepted the restrictions were comparatively few, and they so tapped their trees that they had largely damaged their plantations.—*Reuter.*

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

EXPRESS TRAINS TO RESUME.

It is reported in a vernacular paper that information has been received from the management of the Railway in Canton, stating that the express service will be normal again to-morrow.

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SAD RUINATION.

PLIGHT OF CHINA'S RAILWAYS.

UTTER BREAKDOWN NEAR.

The following article, characterised as an "Obituary," has been contributed to the N. C. Daily News by Mr. H. Stringer, formerly of the Chinese Railway Service. It tells in absorbing manner the sad story of the ruination of the Chinese Railway Service:

"The King of Spain, he died of etiquette," the Railway Service dies from something similar, from being inarticulate. China is no country for a silent service, a service with no mouthpiece is foredoomed. "They who beg in silence, starve in silence" Chinese proverb; that "Division is Damnation" is also quite well understood when applied to Powers in a pacific mood.

This latter axiom has been skillfully applied as regards the Railways. The Chinese Government system of some 3,800 miles has 14 separate administrations, all of whom report to the Board of Communications in Peking, which is under purely Chinese control. The mileage of the Tiao-Ching Railway is 152.4 of the Chen-Tai Railway 152.4. Both of these obvious branches of the Peking-Hankow Railway have the usual Engineer-in-Chief, Accountant, etc. Of the Government system 1,598 miles, or 42 per cent, is under nominal British management, and is divided into six separate administrations. Of these British-managed railways, practically half the mileage comes under the control of one administration: the Peking-Juden Railway. Contrast this policy with what has been done elsewhere: South Africa, where 10,000 miles are controlled by a single Engineer-in-Chief, the Canadian Pacific with over 20,000 miles under one control, and the United Kingdom now at long length with over 24,000 miles under three managements only.

The New Style Manager.

China finds division cheap at shall we say, £5,000 of plurality per management. It must be pleasant for some opium-sodden dilettante of the older school to saunter to the Board, say once a week, receive salutes from grimy guards, and lazily savour that malicious pleasure of petition from a natural enemy. There must be scullery chuckles of amusement as, with an inch long fingernail, he flicks the letters into the oblivion of a filing basket—the frantic prayers for vital stores, petition for sick-leave, the pensions for the men who have worked for China 30 years, the pay long overdue. Mayhap, it is a member of the Peking Jesuites, a director who deals with such affairs; he will be drastic, definite, the stores he will blue pencil he will quote his one year's experience of the railways of the U.S.A., to men he will apply the maxim of "top old at 40," or look up the pound of flesh left down in loan agreements, the pound and nothing more he will concede. Then he'll away to a tea-dance at the Hotel Peking, reflect the polished manners of the diplomats he meets, echo their soign of "toujours la politesse," depart in cocktail glow "a dash good evening," roar homewards under the Hatmen in nickelled juggernaut—part of the back-pay of men who've really earned it.

To whom shall the foreign railway official look for help? Certainly not to a Legation paralysed by the shibboleth of "laissez faire," still less to the Loan-Organizations who supplied the money for the Railways. They cannot even advance overdue pay, they are gagged by 5 per cent. they can do nothing but enter caveats; when everything is wrecked past all repair, they may step in and reap another harvest—loans at higher interest and, we hope, more adequate protection. Meanwhile, such organisations are in the hands of men who "carry on," the Franks and Jadots of other days have had other fish to fry for many years. China is a backwater in the financial world, a Golgotha of wrecks pushed out of sight and almost out of mind for a decade.

Nobody's Child.

The Railway Service is nobody's child. Yet it has deserved well (Continued on Page 8.)

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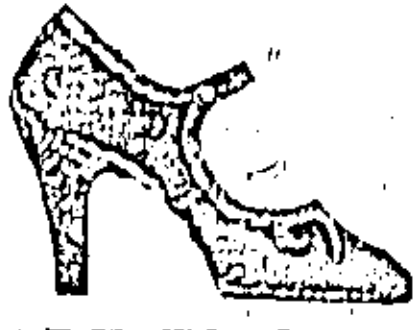
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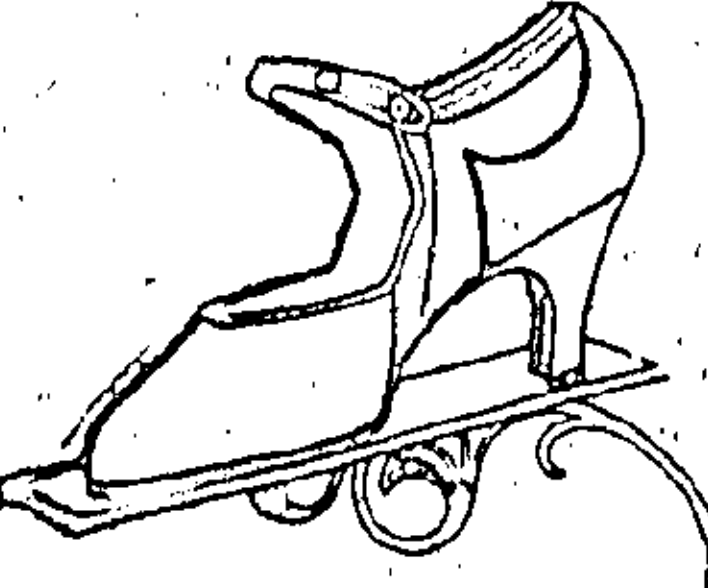
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STARTLING SCENES IN U. S. COURT.
Shanghai, May 2.
This morning the famous Sixth Regiment of the United States Marine Corp arrived in the transport Henderson from San Diego. This is the regiment which won fame in France at Chateau Thierry and in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. The regiment consists of two battalions, totalling 1,500 men.

At the close of the Great War the famous Sixth, or what remained of it, went back to America and practically went out of existence on demobilization. A little over three weeks ago the Sixth was reconstructed as an active organization upon receiving orders to reinforce the American troops in China. From the Atlantic to the Pacific the scattered veterans gathered at San Diego and fifteen hundred strong sailed under Col. Harold G. Snyder.

Besides the two battalions the Henderson brought machine gun companies, howitzers and a squadron of 12 aeroplanes. The aeroplanes however are not being landed. They will be transferred to the transport Chaumont, which brought the Marine regiment already here and with various details will go down to Manila.

Ship Fired On.
The s.s. President Lincoln's passengers yesterday got something of a fright as the ship was proceeding down river from her berth above the French Bund. She was passing down past the native city which borders the river above the French concession when a volley of shots rang out, the bullets flattening against the steel sides of the ship. Fortunately no one was hurt and no damage was done.

High Spots.
Mum's famous cafe is becoming even more famous. Each Saturday night it becomes the scene of a healthy scrap between various bodies of troops. A little while ago it was the scene of a four-cornered fight in which British, American, Italian and French sailors took part. On Saturday last a somewhat serious affair occurred there between parties of French sailors. Having been got into the street by the management they seized four waiting rickshaws which were quickly broken up for weapons. The fight waxed fast and furious and wounded arrived in a stream at the sick-bay. In fact the fight didn't stop until the great majority were thus hors de combat. The last casualty to arrive for treatment was dressed with ruffles a la sixteenth century. He had been "crowned" with a ricksha wheel. The hub of the wheel had been knocked off when he was hit and the wheel sank down to his shoulders the wire spokes transfixing his cheeks and neck. Mum's famous cabaret is now out of bounds.

Recreation Facilities.
Shanghai, May 4.
With the approach of the sweltering summer for which Shanghai is famous—one almost wrote infamous, a problem exercising the minds of authority is the care of the troops during that time. Recreation for the troops is looked after very ably by the health and sports division of the Defence Force under Col. P. R. Worrall, who is assisted by a staff of officers.

Soccer is the all-year-round sport of the British army and this it seems will be the chief recreation here, although, remembering the worst days of past summers, one imagines its popularity will tend to diminish a little. Arrangements for grounds are already in progress, although the problem is not an easy one to solve. There is little enough room for sports for the ordinary community in Shanghai.

A proposal is now being discussed for acquiring the use of the open air swimming bath in Hongkong for the use of the Defence Force.

War on Mosquitoes.
Meantime everything possible

SHOP COLLAPSES.

SHOPPERS TRAPPED.
Chicago, May 10.
Scores of shoppers and employees were trapped in the collapse of the four-storey building of Louis department store when a number of people engaged in shopping had miraculous escapes from death.

A crack suddenly appeared in the wall. The proprietor warned the shoppers, and they rushed into the street. Almost immediately all four storeys collapsed. The extent of the casualties is not yet known. —*Reuter's American Service.*

is being done to safeguard the troops against the diseases endemic to Shanghai by means of vaccination and inoculation, and a careful system of chlorination of water in each billet. War has been declared on mosquitoes. The troops know more than a little about these pests, at least those who have been in India do, and full precautions will be taken. All huts are being double roofed and electric fans are being installed.

Lack of Uniformity.
Curfew has ceased to be in the French concession but strangely enough it is enforced with no less rigour in the international settlement. It might easily be abolished for so far as law and order is concerned Shanghai was hardly ever nearer normal. It tends to annoy inconveniences, does this lack of uniformity between the two concessions. For instance, down the Avenue Edward VII, the dividing line between the French concession and the international settlement, there runs two lines of wire barriers controlled by the international settlement authorities. All those building facing the Avenue discharge on to the pavement which is between the two lines of defences. These lines are often closed at 5 p.m. and it means that although nominally one is inside the International concession it is necessary to walk a long distance to find a barrier which happens to be open. Why two lines are required in this fashion is beyond the comprehension of the great majority. The barriers too are often closed without warning of any kind. A little uniformity between the decrees of the authorities of both concession and settlement (supposed officially to exist) would be a great help to foreigners.

Tension is relaxed this morning — the champions is over and someone is the lucky possessor of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. It was a brilliant scene at the race course yesterday and the result being rather a surprise increased the interest. Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt was responsible for drawing the lucky numbers in the big sweep. So far the first two prizes have not been claimed and they probably have gone to out-ports. The third has been won by a lady here. The "B" sweep this year was very small for the reason that "A" tickets were still being sold two days before the race, whereas in other years it has been impossible to get one a month before the race. During the last week before the race something like 25,000 tickets were sold.

Attorney on Trial.
There were startling scenes in the United States Court for China yesterday at the trial of a former district Attorney, Mr. Leonard G. Husar. He explained certain deposits by relating a gigantic arms deal which he put through for Marshal Chang Tsung-chang in 1925, and for which he received the handsome commission of \$37,000. Perhaps the most startling thing, however, was the announcement from Husar that there was at that time another district attorney in the pay of Chang in Shanghai—Mr. Sterling Fessenden, the present chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council. More will be heard at to-day's hearing, it is expected. To a Britisher, not the least astonishing feature at yesterday's trial was the motion upon which the Court

STOLEN PIGS.

ALLEGED PROCEEDS OF A PIRACY.
Hearing was commenced before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon of the case wherein eight Chinese are charged with receiving 40 pigs, knowing the same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained, outside the waters of the Colony on April 24.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Hin Shing Lo represented the defendants. Describing the circumstances of the case, Mr. Hall said that three consignments of pigs were sent by the proprietor of the Ho Hon dealers, of the Hoi Fung district, on April 19, the consignees being the Kwong On Yuen firm of Hongkong. The pigs were sent in three junks, the first containing 33 animals, the second 25 and the last 40.

Mr. Hall went on to mention the different persons in charge of the three junks, intimating that that evidence when given would be important. The third consignment was the last to leave Hoi Fung and on the following morning, the crew of the second junk heard the reports of gun fire from behind. On looking back they saw the third junk being attacked by pirates.

The order was given for the other two boat loads of pigs to proceed with all possible speed to their destination and on arrival in Hongkong, the occurrence was reported to the son of the consignee.

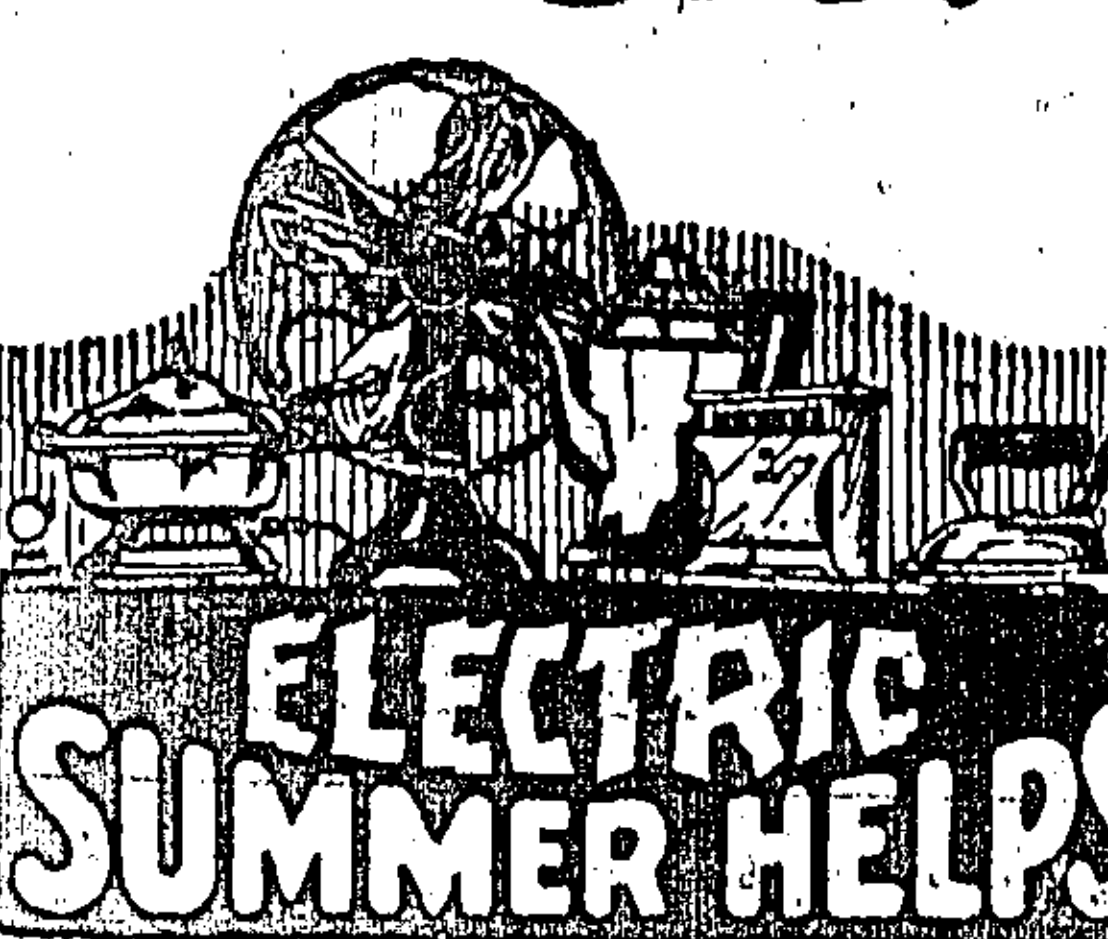
Pigs Landed.
On April 2, a man in the employ of the complainant's firm happened to be passing the third defendant's shop in Sap Sam Hong, when he saw a number of pigs being landed from a junk opposite the shop. He counted them and found that there were 40. They were all unloaded and taken to the defendant's premises.

The man reported his discovery to his master and on a visit being made, the third defendant offered to sell the pigs to the complainants for \$200. When questioned he said he was able to produce the man from whom he had purchased the pigs.

The matter was reported to the Shamshui Police Station the following day and several arrests were made as a consequence. Referring to the piracy, Mr. Hall said that one of the men who was a passenger on the third junk would tell the Court that on the morning of April 20, another junk was encountered near the Sam Mun customs house. The crew of the second junk fired on the Hoi Fung craft and four men went on board and commandeered the boat. They took away the pigs, the man in charge of the consignment and two members of the crew.

The steersman was not molested but the witness would say that he was tied and confined in the hold. The junk was ordered to Shamshui and shortly after arriving the prisoner heard the order given to sail away again after the pigs had been transferred to another boat. The man later found himself on an island where he was left by the pirates. The steersman had not been seen since the piracy and it was the opinion of the prosecution that he was one of the accomplices. Some of the pigs, concluded Mr. Hall, had been identified by some of the witnesses. After taking evidence substantiating the story of the prosecution the case was adjourned.

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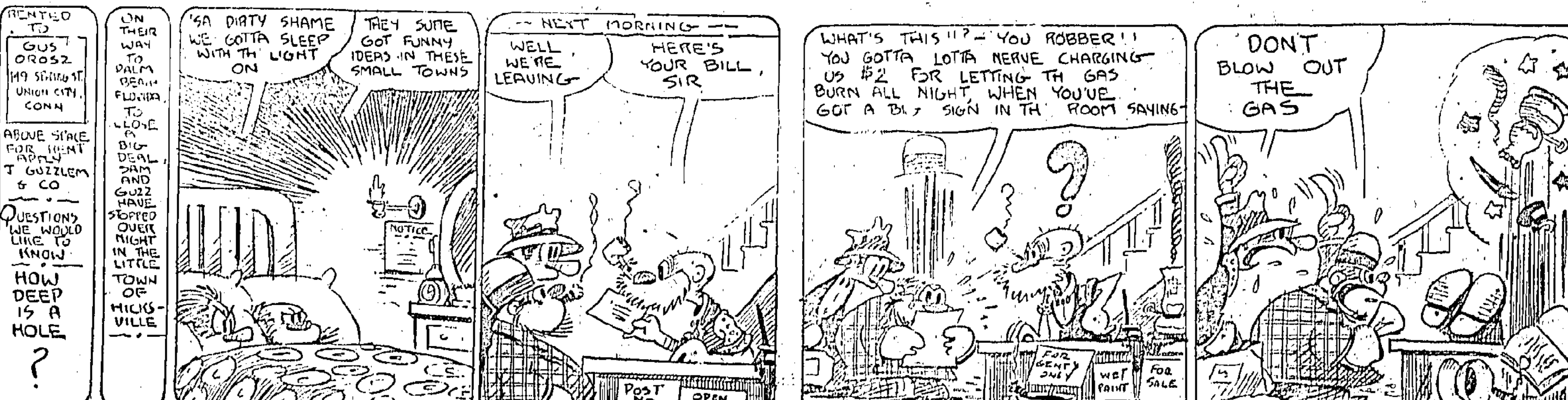
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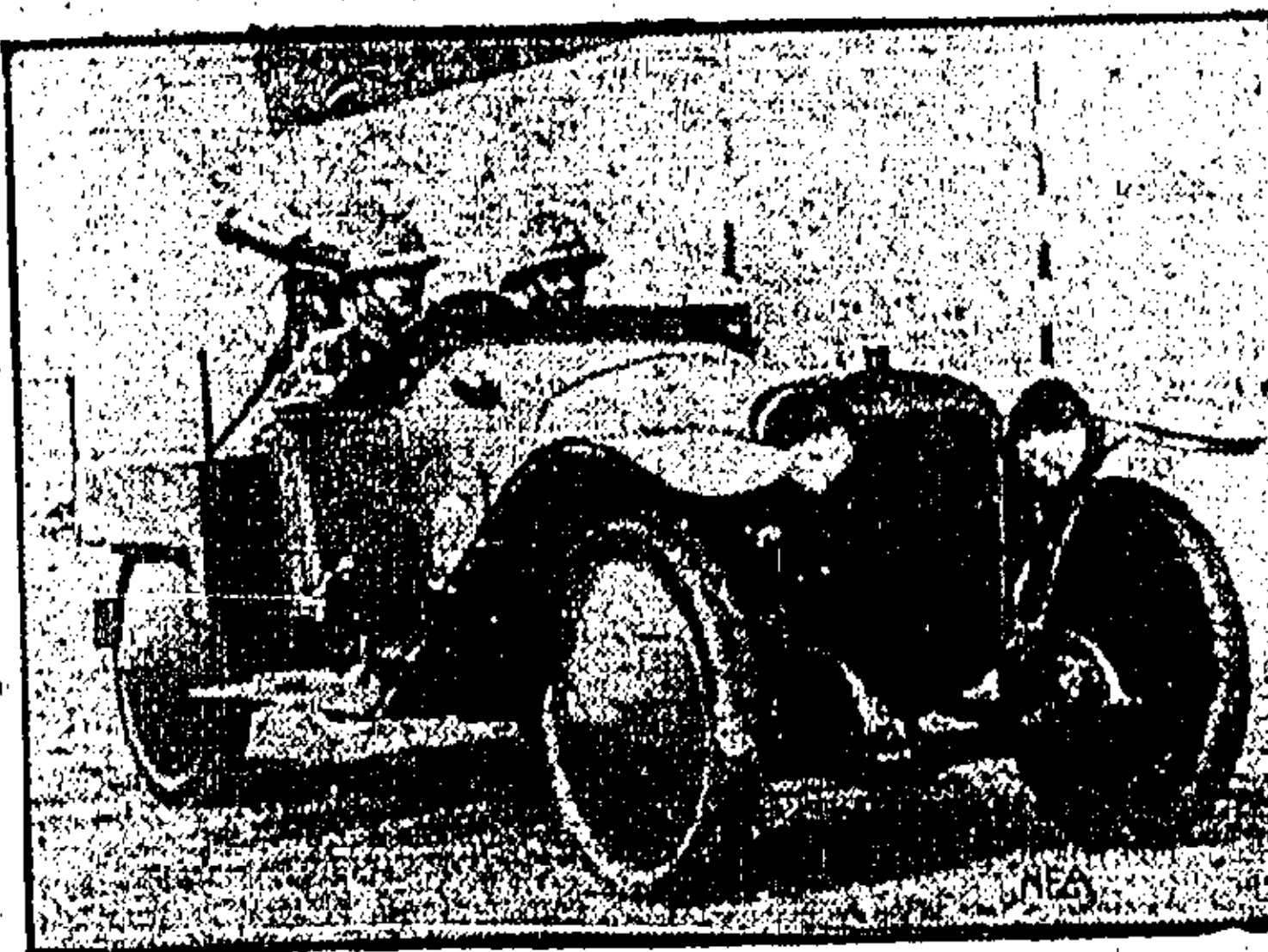
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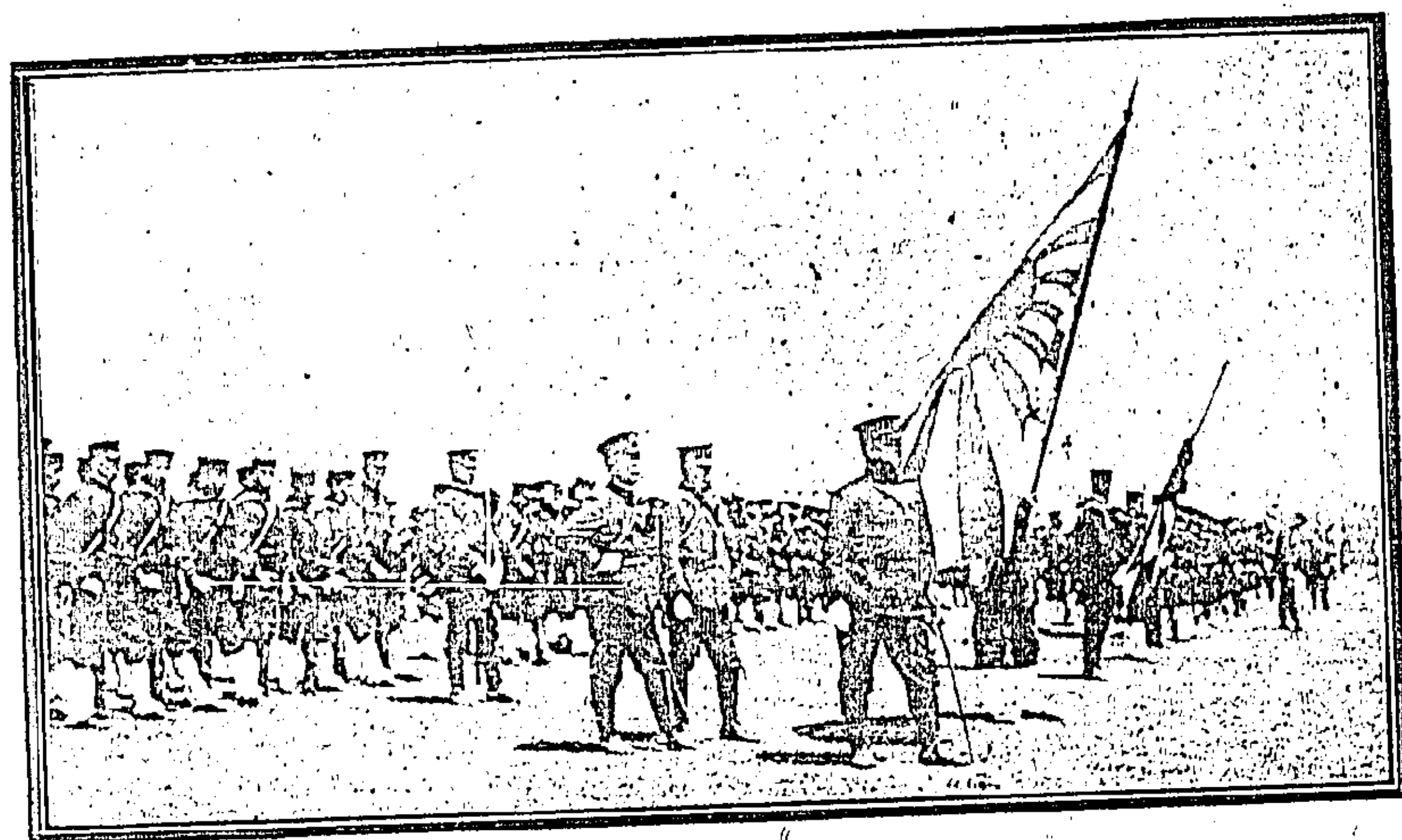
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CROSS COUNTRY RUN.—Sargeant Jeffrey, of the 1st Batt. Beds. and Herts., winner of the Cross Country Championship Race, run at Shanghai recently and Mr. H. D. Rodger, President of the Shanghai Amateur Athletic Club, snapped just after the former had been presented with his trophy by Mrs. Rodger, seen in the background on the right.



PRETTY SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding recently at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Mr. Leslie Bones, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bones, of Lincolnshire, and Miss Gwendoline May McFarlane, youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. G. McFarlane, of Shanghai.



JULIUS ROSENWALD.—Chicago millionaire, came in for criticism by Mr. Henry Ford's magazine, and is a possible witness for Mr. Sapiro, in the Sapiro-Ford G. \$1,000,000 libel action.



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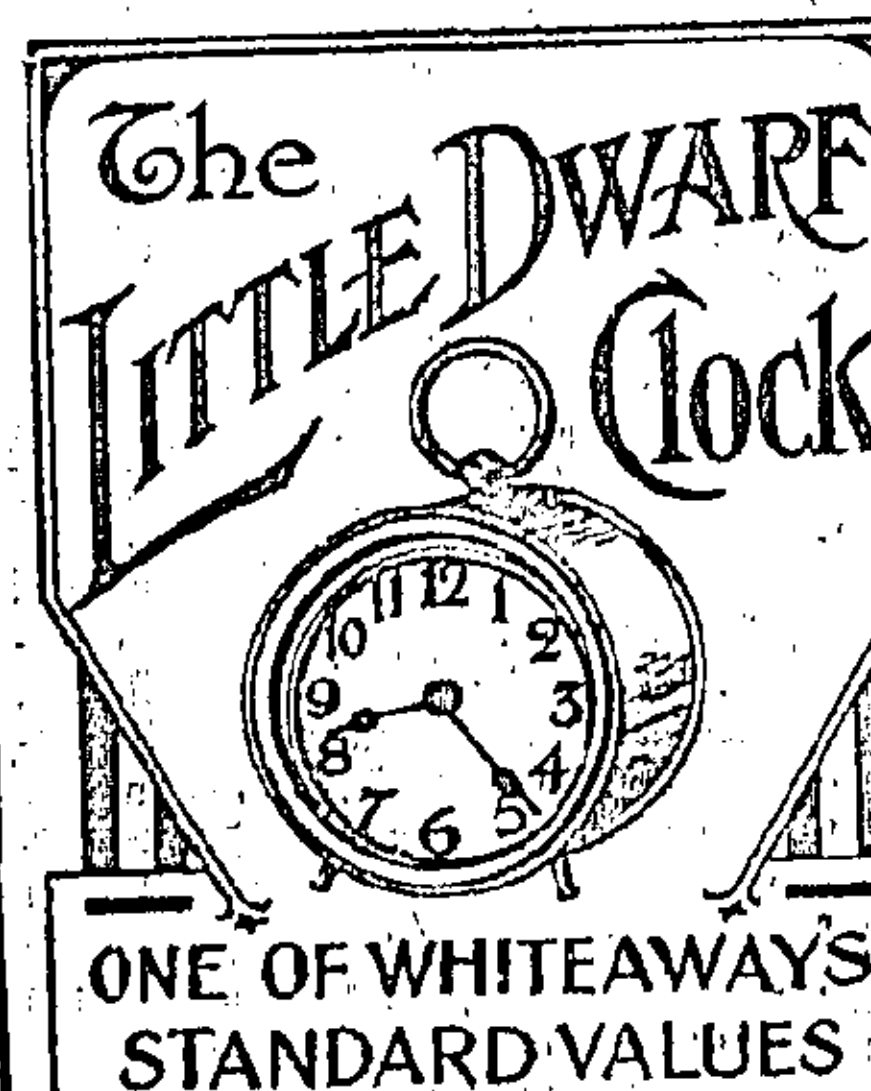
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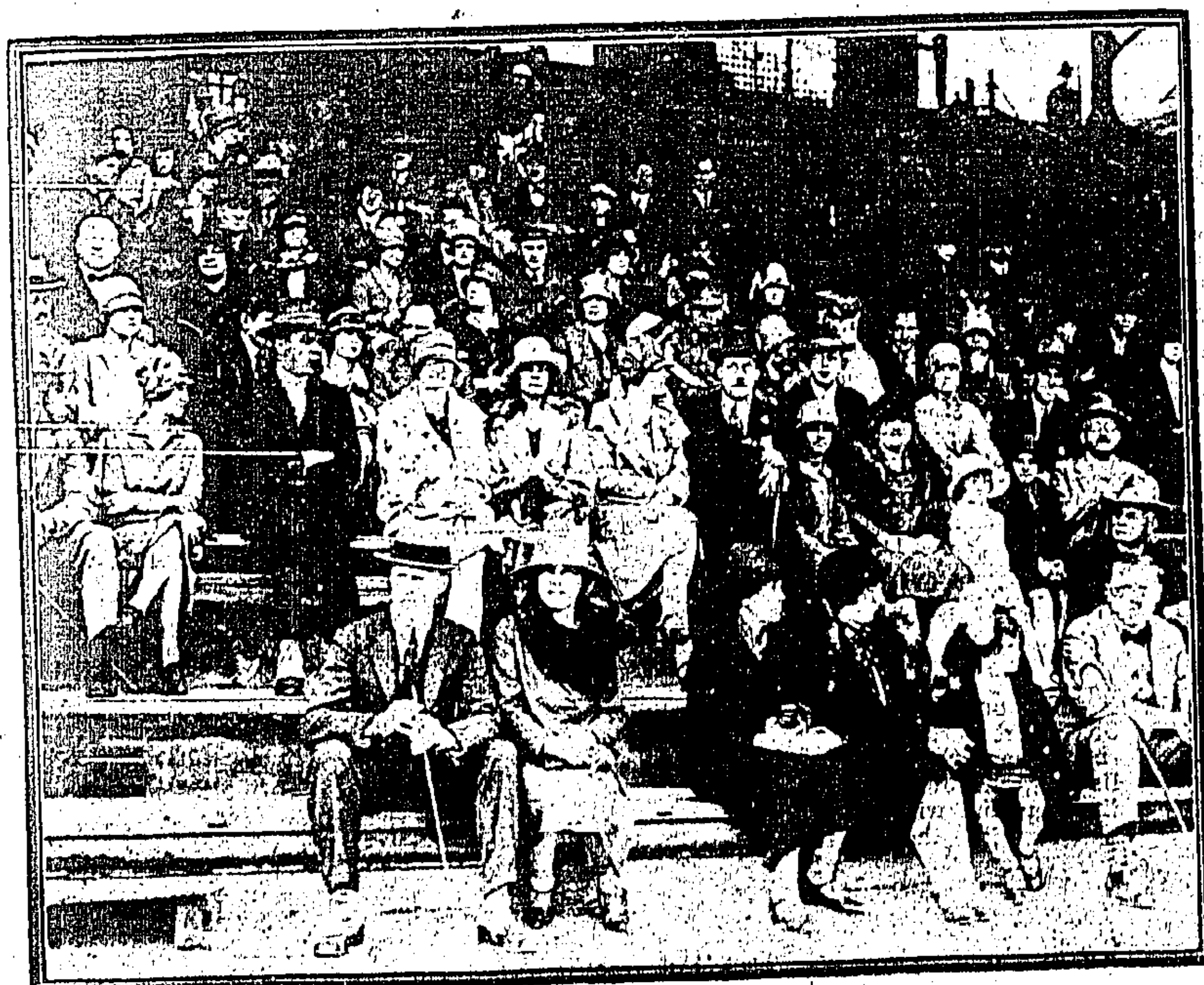
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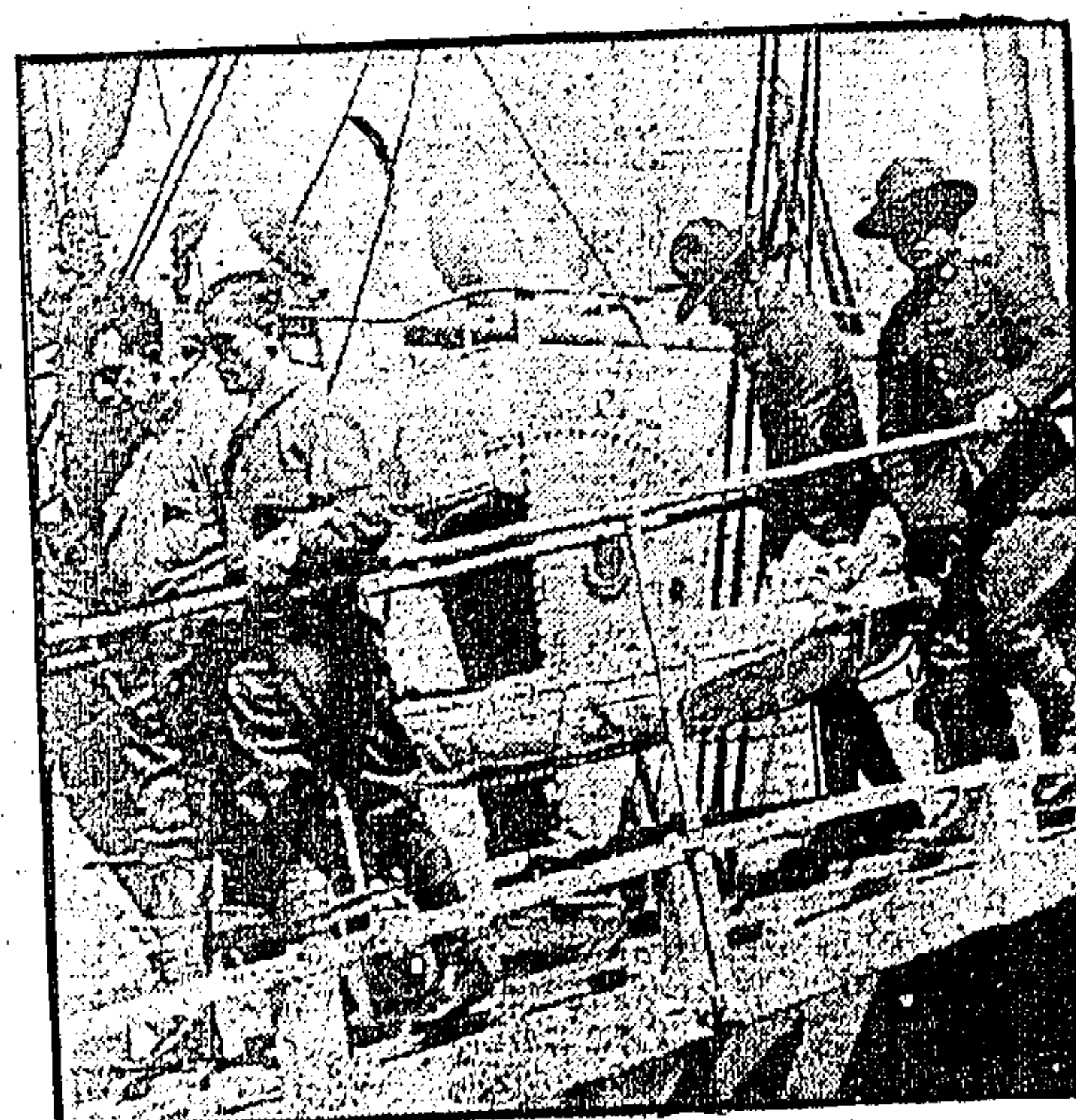
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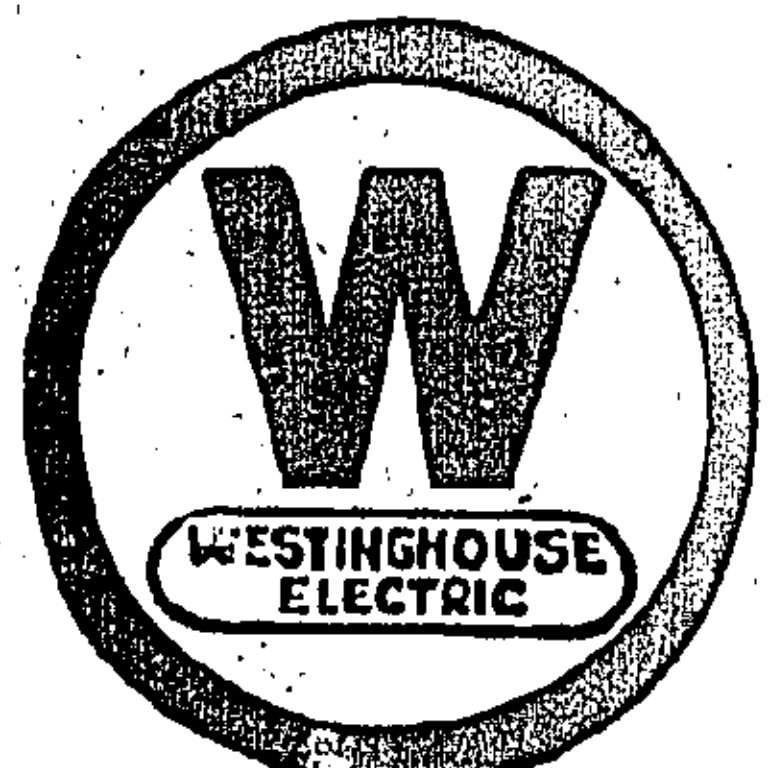
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Article 81 of the Articles of Association all Powers of Attorney under which any shareholder intends to vote on the Poll to be held at the Registered Office of the Company on the 18th INSTANT must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not less than FORTY EIGHT hours before the time for holding of such Poll notwithstanding that such Powers of Attorney have already been produced to and noted by the Company.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1927 By Order of the Board, D. L. KING, Secretary. Hongkong, 5th May, 1927.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Saturday, May 14th, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1926; to confirm the appointment of Two Directors, and to elect Two Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order, of the Board, D. L. KING, Secretary. Hongkong, May 2, 1927.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 21st of May, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong 6th May, 1927.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th May 1927, both days inclusive.

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TENNIS.

K. C. C. TEAMS.

The following will represent the K.C.C. on Saturday, at 4 p.m.: "A" team v. M.B.K. at M.B.K. Mess, Mody Road, Kowloon.—E. C. Fincher (Capt.) and L. Jack, W. Hyde and C. E. Millard, E. F. Fincher and C. W. E. Bishop. "B" team v. C.R.C. on K.C.C. ground.—E. Abraham (Capt.) and R. E. Lindell, A. Hansen and G. S. Ford, C. H. Atkins and D. J. Purves. "C" team v. C.R.C. on C.R.C. ground.—W. Woodward (Capt.) and R. F. Strange, Geo. Lee and A. J. Kew, C. H. Liddra and A. H. McBride.

Dating from April 9, says the Army and Navy Gazette, a change takes place in the position of Accountant Officer at Hongkong, where Paymaster Commander W. H. Coomber has been serving for two years. His successor is Paymaster Commander L. R. Barker, from the battleship Benbow, and in 1923-5 Paymaster Commander of the torpedo schoolship Vernon.

AN OPTIMIST.

SCANNING DISCARDED TICKETS.

Long after the last of the Shanghai racegoers had gone home last night, says the Shanghai Times after Champions Day, an old, bowed figure was seen laboriously going through a pile of paper which had been swept up from round the board where the sweep numbers are usually shown at each race. This board is situated near what is still ironically known as the "big" stand, because it is the oldest and the smallest remaining. Its one claim to greatness in these days is that it houses the Press—and incidentally a comfortable bar.

The old man, a Chinese, carefully pieced together torn sweep tickets, fondly smoothed out those which had been crumpled, searched desperately for pieces which were missing. It was a difficult task. He could read no English, but he recognized figures, and long acquaintance with the sweeps had told him where to find the numbers which correspond. So he painfully laboured through, the whole lot of torn and crumpled paper in the forlorn hope that he might come across a discarded ticket which might enable him to claim the prize.

Questioned, he said that for many years he had done this same thing. When asked if he had ever found anything worth his while, he smiled and pointed to his costume, which was that of the coolie, the sweeper up of other men's leavings. No, he had not found anything worth the trouble. But his smile had a tinge of optimism about it which seemed to augur that he had not yet given up hope.

CHINA COAST.

LATEST OFFICER CHANGES.

Mr. W. Dickinson, chief officer, Kwangtung, has gone chief officer, Chinkua. Mr. D. C. Jones, chief officer, Chinkua, has gone chief officer, Kwangtung.

Mr. H. R. Stewart, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Nanchang. Mr. J. H. Fayers, third engineer, Nanchang, has gone acting second engineer, Kanchow.

Mr. J. Robson, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, Fatsan. Mr. J. W. Donald, chief engineer, Fatsan, is on Home leave.

Mr. H. R. Norrington has been appointed acting third engineer, Kueichow.

Mr. A. MacKenzie, sup'y chief engineer, Taikoo Wan Yi, has resigned.

Mr. W. Gordon, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Tenn. Mr. J. Will, acting second engineer, Tenn, has gone acting second engineer, Lungshan.

Mr. A. B. McConnachie, sup'y third engineer, Taikoo Wan Yi, has gone sup'y third engineer, Antung.

Captain C. R. More, of the Kwai-sung, is on reserve. Captain C. F. Matthews, from Home leave, has gone master, Kwai-sung.

Captain W. Field-Hook, of the Lai-sang, is on reserve. Captain P. Jewitt, from reserve, has gone master, Lai-sang.

Captain R. Hughes, from Home leave, has gone master, Kutwo.

Captain H. T. S. Pellet, of the Suwei, has gone master, Loongwo.

Captain H. A. Allison, of the Loongwo, has gone master, Suwei.

Mr. R. A. Bell-Sayer, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Loongwo. Mr. E. V. Bishop, chief officer, Loongwo, has gone sup'y chief officer, Kutwo.

—Shipping and Engineering.

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Berlin	20.53
Stockholm	18.27
Copenhagen	18.11
Oslo	18.22 1/2
Vienna	34.52 1/2
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	103
Madrid	27.51 1/2
Lisbon	247/32
Athens	3.05
Bucharest	7/10
Rio	5.27/32
Buenos Aires	47.17/32
Bombay	1/5.29/32
Shanghai	2/0 1/2
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
Silver (spot)	25.15/16
Silver (forward)	25.18/16

—British Wireless.

The death duties on the estate of the late Sir Robert Jardine are likely to be heavy, says the China Express. His heir, Sir John Buchanan-Jardine, and his wife are moving into Castlehill, the Jardine place in Dumfriesshire.

The result of the 1926 "Poppy Day" collection shows an increase of \$35,000 over the 1925 collection. Messagés congratulating all concerned have been received from the King and Queen and the Prince of Wales.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

RADIO TELEGRAMS may now be accepted for Kōngmoon under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

During the interruption of the Hongkong-Macau cable service the Macao Radio Station will remain open for the exchange of telegrams with Hongkong from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Hongkong Station is always open and messages are accepted at any time throughout the 24 hours.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Radio Telegraph Service between Hongkong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

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From	Per	Due.
Straits	Fooksang	May 11.
Australia and Manila	Taiping	May 11.
Shanghai	Kanchow	May 12.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Nellore	May 13.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)		
London 14th April, and parcels		
7th April	Kashmir	May 13.
Straits	Fushimi Maru	May 15.
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Pres. Cleveland		May 15.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai		May 16.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	May 20.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	May 20.
Japan	Mishima Maru	May 24.
Straits	Hakozaki Maru	May 29.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Bangkok	Chinkua	Thurs., May 12, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremet	Thurs., May 12, 10 a.m.
Manila	Cheungchow	Thurs., May 12, 3.45 p.m.
Amoy	Fook Sang	Thurs., May 12, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Haihang	Fri., May 13, noon
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia		
Kashmir		Sat., May 14, 10 a.m.
Siberia		
Siberia Maru		Sat., May 14, Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 4.15 p.m. (Due San Francisco 10th June).

For	Per	Date.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	G.P.O.	K.P.O.
	Nellore	Sat., May 14, 4.30 p.m.
	Parcels	14th 9.45 a.m. 9.00 a.m. Letters 14th 10.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. (Due Marseilles 11th June).

For	Per	Date.
Amoy	Anking	Sat., May 14, 5 p.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kiangsu	Sun., May 15, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Jiliwong	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kaije Maru	Sun., May 15, 9 a.m.

For	Per	Date.
Straits and Calcutta	Lai Sang	Mon., May 16, 10.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Mon., May 16, Noon
	Letters	Mon., May 16, 1 p.m.

For	Per	Date.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Haiching	Tues., May 17, Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Calchas	Tues., May 17, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 1.45 p.m. (Due Marseilles 17th June).

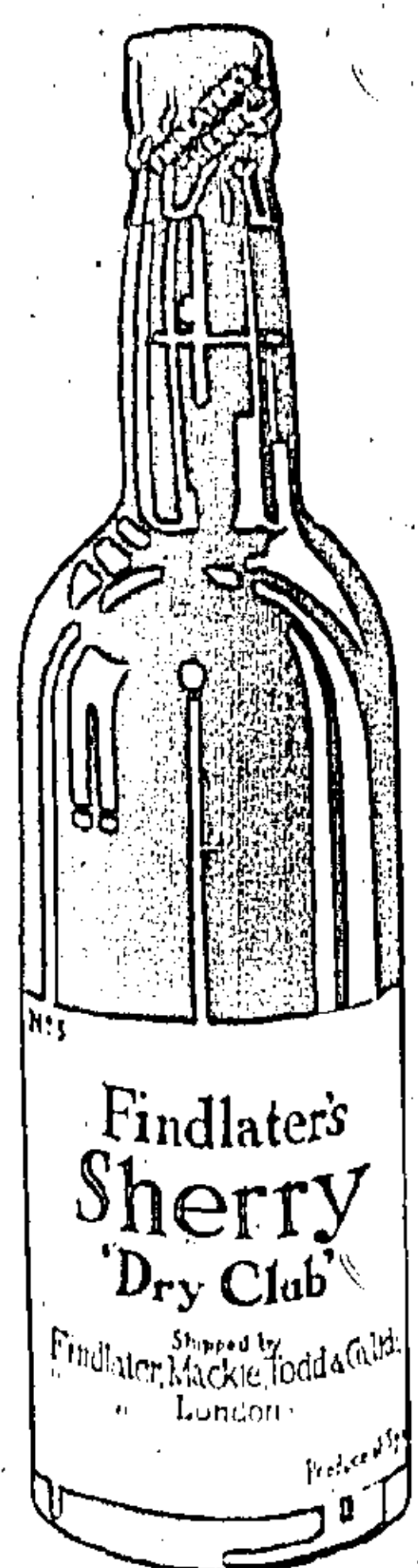
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Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues., May 17, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia		
Pres. Lincoln		Tues., May 17, 3 p.m.

For	Per	Date.
Bangkok	Kwai Sang	Tues., May 17, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Borneo	Wed., May 17, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, C. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Sat., May 21, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 8.45 a.m. (Due Marseilles 20th June).

For	Per	Date.
Japan	Tango Maru	Sat., May 21, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Mishima Maru	Wed., May 25, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 8.45 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 6th June).

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"Medicine is the most conservative and backward science we have," said Professor J. G. McKenzie, Jesse Boot Professor of Psychology, at Paton Congregational College, Nottingham, in a speech to the Nottingham City Business Club.

"I doubt," he went on, "whether the average general practitioner in this country is nearly as efficient as the ordinary workman in any other branch of trade."

"The general practitioner's training is absolutely nil. He builds up a large practice and has no time to read literature. After a year or two he is working by rote of thumb, to the detriment of my body and yours."

"He has not the ghostliest idea what influenza is, and I have known only one doctor honest enough to tell me so."

was changing into travelling clothes.

The Prince was ultimately compelled to take refuge in the luncheon van, which had been sent down from London, and to complete his toilet behind drawn blinds.

The evident annoyance of the Prince had no effect on the on-lookers, the majority of whom were women. When he prepared for his dash back to town the car had to break through a dense crowd.

The Prince's display in the race is the more remarkable since he had a particularly arduous day on Tuesday, finishing with the Royal Theatrical Fund midnight dance, at which he presided. Which explains the "forty winks" which he had in the seclusion of his car before the race.

When a police dog with a taste for fine jewellery swallowed a valuable diamond ring belonging to his mistress, Mrs. Blanche Sawday of New York, she refused to permit an operation to recover the gem. He tried to gobble a cameo, but she snatched it from his teeth.

PRINCE'S CAR BESIEGED.

DRESSING UNDER
DIFFICULTIES.

The Prince of Wales had an embarrassing experience at the Brigade of Guards' Point-to-Point Race, in which he rode Clark Courier to fourth place at Chipping Norton.

In order to attend the race, the Prince had to make a whirlwind dash from London and to change into riding kit and have lunch in his car.

The event had attracted a crowd of six or seven thousand, and the Prince on his arrival expressly asked that he should have as quiet a parking place as possible. So his car was parked in a remote corner of the course.

After the race (says the Daily News) the crowd discovered his hiding-place, and besieged the car. Despite the protests of those attached to the Prince, the crowd persisted in mobbing him. They swarmed round the car while he

MALAY CHAUFFEURS' PLUCK.

REWARDED FOR ARRESTING
ARMED CHINESE.

Two Malay syces were publicly commended by the Chief Justice, Sir William J. Wilson, in the Supreme Court at Singapore last week for their pluck in arresting a Chinese whom they had seen holding up and robbing another at the point of the pistol.

The story, as unfolded by the evidence for the prosecution, was that Tan Cheng Yam, a bill collector, was in a riksha in Beach Road near the Raffles Hotel at 11.30 a.m. on April 3rd. He had over one thousand dollars distributed in various pockets of his clothes. The accused rode up on a bicycle and pointed an automatic pistol at him and told him to hand over his money. Tan Cheng Yam said he had none and the accused said he must have as he was a bill collector. He thrust his hand into his pocket and took \$47.39 in cash; all that was in it. Tan Cheng Yam made a grab at the pistol, and caught it, but the accused jerked it away and ran off down Bras Basah Road.

Syed Haroun bin Syed Salleh, a Malay syce employed by Mr. Alan Lake, was sitting in his employer's car nearby, talking to another syce who was standing on the road. Seeing what was happening, Haroun started up his car, and went in pursuit of the robber. He overtook him and went ahead of him, and then stopped his car at the corner of North Bridge Road, got down and hid behind a pillar. The accused came running along, and turned into North Bridge Road, and was stopped by Haroun. The robber threatened his assailant with his pistol, but Haroun caught him by the arm, and jerked the pistol from his hand, and a hand-to-hand struggle ensued, in the course of which the combatants fell into a showcase outside a shop.

Other Man Aids.

The other syce, Nawi bin Osman, had followed the accused on foot, and now came on the scene, and between them the two Malays dragged the accused into the car and took him back to Beach Road. There they found Tan Cheng Yam, and all four went to Beach Road police station where the accused was detained.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

MALTESE PREMIER'S
DENIAL.

The Prime Minister was asked in Parliament at Malta last month what steps he was taking in connexion with the charge made by Mr. Monte Bayly, national organiser of the Variety Artists' Federation, in a statement of the Daily Mail on March 10, that:

"Malta is one of the blackest spots in the world, and has been responsible for many girls being caught in the net of the white slave organisation."

He replied that the statement was wicked and false. Only forty-five artists had come from England in the last three years, and with one exception all had been satisfied with their engagements.

Artists arriving in Malta had regular passports and were subject to the most careful supervision.

The money which the accused had stolen was not to be found on his person. As the police had had reports of similar robberies, Acting Chief Detective Inspector Porter held an identification parade. There were seventeen persons as well as the accused, who took up his own position and changed his coat before the parade commenced. Chong Leong Ping identified him without any hesitation as the man who had held him up on March 20th.

The jury were unanimous in returning a verdict of guilty on the first charge, but could not agree on the second.

The accused was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment and ten strokes of the cat.

On the application of the Deputy Public Prosecutor, Mr. Whitley, each of the Malays was awarded \$100, and his Lordship commended them from the bench.

Mr. Whitley: I may mention, my lord, that I understand that Haroun was on a previous occasion rewarded for making an arrest in a similar matter.

Haroun, on being asked, said that in 1921, for his conduct in the case of gang robbery, he was awarded \$95.

His Lordship: Well, you are getting one hundred this time. Keep on with the good work and arrest some more.

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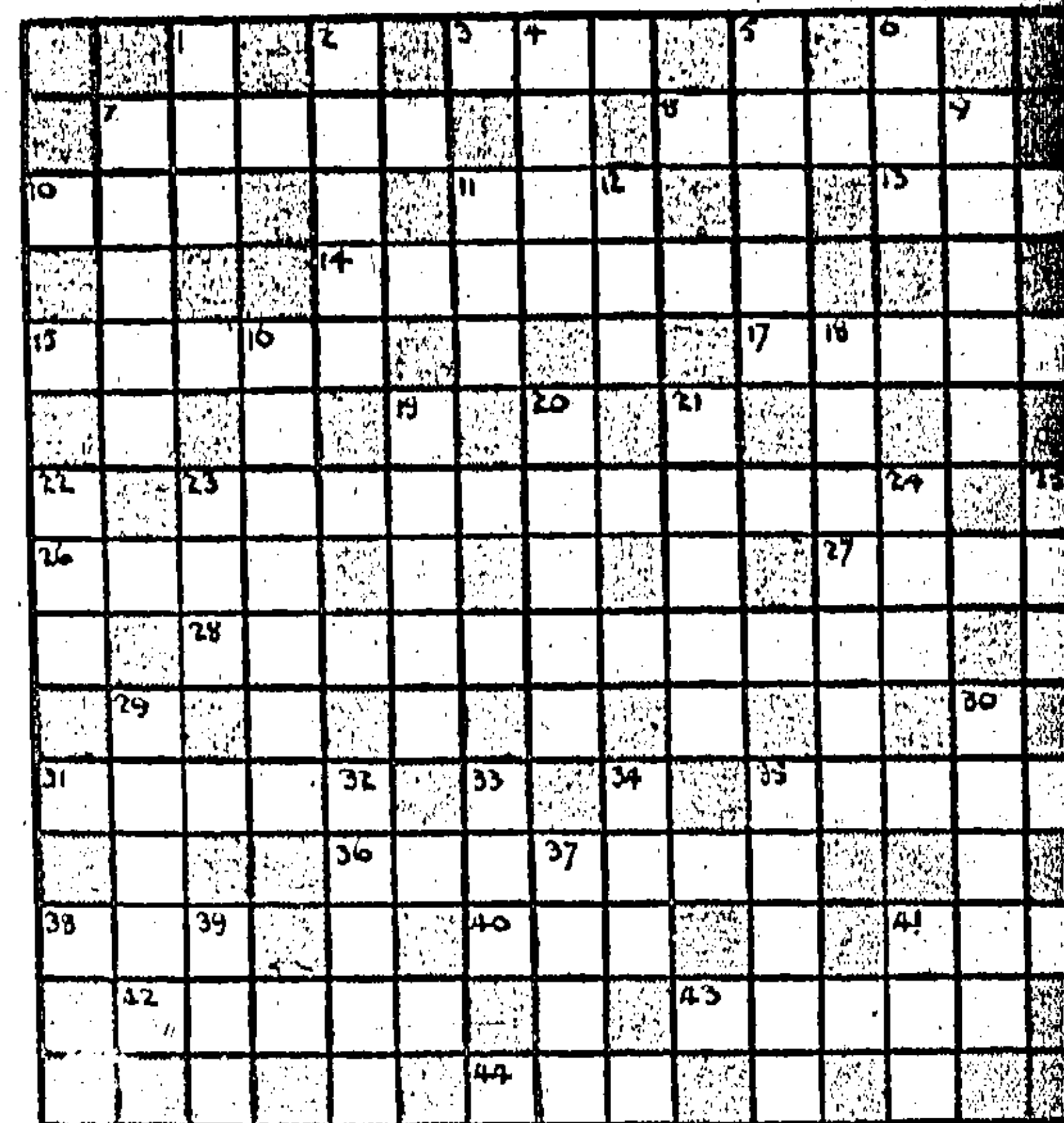
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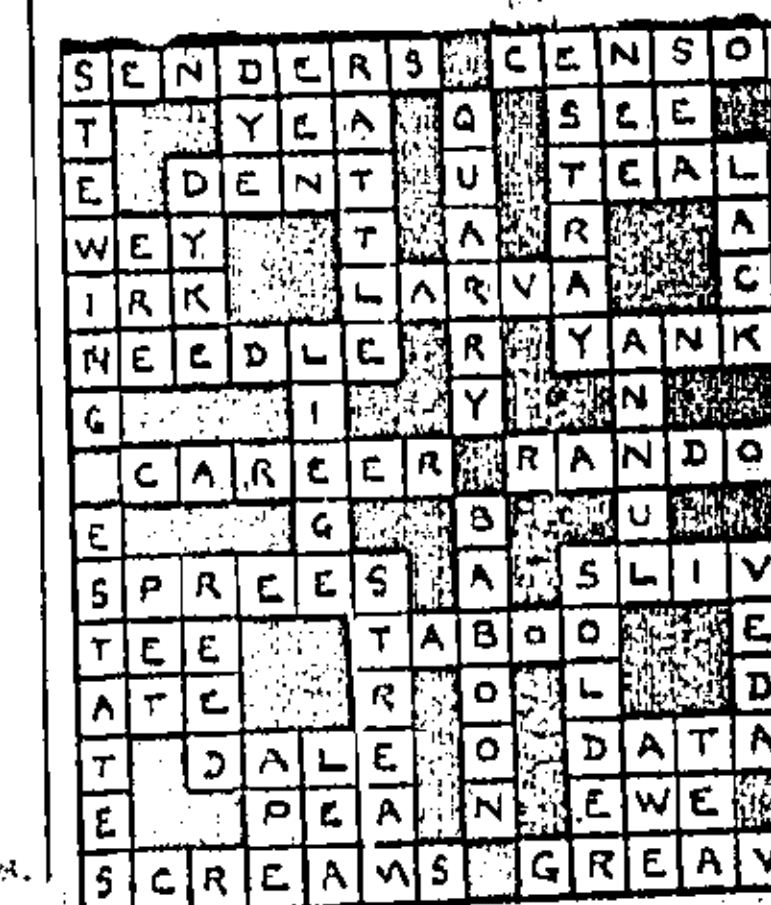
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- 12 Excavated.
- 16 Features of a place.
- 18 Science which treats of minerals.
- 19 Pile.

- 20 Graver.
- 21 Condition.
- 22 High mountain.
- 23 Performed.
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- 25 Girl's name.
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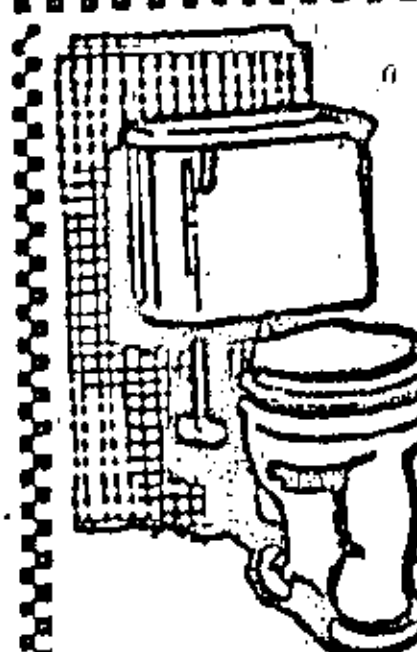
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EVOLUTION OF SMALL COLONIES.

EXPANSION DISCUSSED BY CONFERENCE.

FUTURE CO-OPERATION PLAN

London, May 10. Eight British Governors, an Administrator, three Chief Secretaries, five Colonial Secretaries, and seven other senior officials, presided over by Col. the Rt. Hon. L. C. Amery, composed the representation of a miniature Imperial Conference, meeting in London, which has opened at the Colonial Office.

Capt. the Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore and Sir Samuel Wilson were also present.

Col. Amery, welcoming the representatives, referred to the diversity of the problems, and the absence of structural or administrative unity. Much might have been done by more frequent consultations and closer co-operation, and the exchange of knowledge and experience, especially in scientific and technical work.

Most of the delegates, participated in the general discussion, and expressed appreciation of the efforts by the Conference, and in other ways, to make the Colonies more efficient in administration and development.

A Distinct Entity.

The evolution of the Colonial Empire as a separate entity, apart from the Dominions and India, was foreshadowed by Col. Amery at the outset of the Conference, the first act of which was to send a message of loyal devotion to their Majesties the King and Queen.

Col. Amery mentioned that they had originally contemplated inviting an unofficial element from certain Colonies to participate, but, at least for the moment, it had been decided to confine the deliberations to those competent to speak in an official capacity. He hoped the Conference would be held regularly in future, probably three times a year.

The afternoon's discussion revealed approval of a suggestion that senior officers of the Colonial Office should visit the Colonies periodically, and that members of the Colonial Office staff should tour the Colonies early in their career, and Colonial Service officials during their furlough should be attached to the Colonial Office. —*Reuter.*

To Avoid Stagnation.

London, May 10. In a speech at the Colonial Conference, Col. Amery said the principle of autonomy and self-sufficiency could be carried so far. Watertight compartments, inevitably led to stagnation. Even on the purely administrative side, local knowledge and interest might be bought too dearly by lack of opportunities for fresh ideas or by limitations to promotion, which deaden initiative and ambition.

The disadvantages were even greater when one came to deal with all the varied aspects of administration, which had been increasing in colonial work of recent years—matters of scientific method and research, problems of agriculture, veterinary science, health and transport. In these matters much broader co-operation and a much more effective interchange of information and ideas were required.

Kindred Problems.

In some matters such a system of exchange and co-operation might be most effectively developed in groups of colonies which were geographically or otherwise close to each other, and had kindred problems. In many other respects it was over the whole field of the Colonial Empire that co-operation and interchange were required.

He did not believe, however, that the problem was to be solved by administrative reconstruction either of the Colonial Empire on the whole or, except in particular local circumstances, by larger federal schemes. The solution, to his mind, was to be found rather in a development of that system of consultation by the Conference which has been found so effective in promoting the unity of thought and action in the relationship between Great Britain and the Dominions. Apart from any specific solutions which might be reached, he felt confident that an exchange of ideas would be of enormous benefit. Not only would representatives of the Colonies gain, but the Colonial Office should itself gain even more from their first-hand experience.

Scientific Research.

Col. Amery mentioned that the Colonies offering the greatest opportunity for some particular form of research, Colonies whose existence was largely dependent on the solution of some research problem, were in many cases those which could least afford to offer a salary

DEATH-DEALING WIND.

BUILDINGS CRUMPLED LIKE PAPER.

BIG LIST OF AMERICAN CASUALTIES.

New York, May 10. Including the casualties mentioned earlier, a Polar Bluff message states that 150 were killed and 1,000 injured in tornadoes in the middle west and south-west.

A death-dealing blast shot across Arkansas like a bullet from a gun. Large buildings crumpled up like paper, and trees were uprooted and hurled through the air. The Red Cross is arranging relief. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Fifty-five Killed.

New York, May 10. The deathroll in the storms is fifty-five. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Fearful Destruction.

Poplar Bluffs, Mo., May 10. One hundred people were killed and 250 injured in a tornado which swept the business quarter of the town, destroying almost every building, an area of 200 yards wide and 300 yards long. No business premises were undamaged.

Property losses are estimated at over a million dollars. The city was in darkness last night and the cries of the injured could be heard on all sides. —*Reuter's American Service.*

LOCAL WAGE SCALES.

RICE COOLIES STRIKE AVERTED.

By the agreement of six of the big Annam rice firms to maintain the present scale of pay, a strike of the Colony's rice coolies, which threatened to assume still bigger proportions, has been averted, it is announced.

The Fook Yuen rice firm is the only one which still refuses to continue the present rates, and it is understood that the firm intends to appeal to the Twenty-four Guilds Association to act as arbitrators.

The dispute arose when the rice firms decided to cut the rate per bag from 5 cents to 4½ cents, it having been pointed out by them that the 5 cents rate was a concession made to the coolies during the strike of 1925 in order to keep them at work.

The Tung Tak Labour Union coolies refused to accept the reduction, and threatened an immediate strike. The view of the Union officials is that consent to the reduction would result in an attempt by other trades to cut their rates. They point out that the sugar merchants are also proposing to decrease wages of their coolies.

PIRATED AND SET ADRIFT.

LOCAL FISHING JUNK'S EXPERIENCE.

An Aberdeen fishing junk, while returning to home waters from the fishing grounds off San Cha Nai, was intercepted, at 3 p.m. on the 3rd instant, by a pirate boat when sailing off Nine Pins, and ordered to heave-to.

Six armed men scrambled on board the junk, which was later set adrift, with its crew, but with its steering gear rendered ineffective.

Drifting for a number of days, the disabled junk was eventually sighted and taken in tow by a trader, which returned with her to the Colony yesterday.

In a report to the police, the fishermen stated that the pirates stole fishing nets, and also money and property belonging to the crew, the whole haul amounting in value to over \$200.

or career that would attract the best men. Nor was interest in the results confined to any one Colony.

Anything that solved the problem of animal or plant disease in Trinidad, for instance, was of immense value not only to the rest of the West Indies, but to the whole of Africa, right up to Ceylon, and the Eastern Colonies.

Col. Amery concluded, "I am sure the case for pooling our resources sufficiently to create some sort of unified service, at any rate in the higher research grades of scientific and technical work, is one to which we ought to give the fullest and most earnest consideration." —*British Wireless.*

JAPANESE LAUGHING IN MANCHURIA.

DO NOT BELIEVE SOVIET ASSURANCES.

THE CURRENCY SLUMP.

Mukden, April 19.

The Japanese in Manchuria are laughing over their sleeves over certain extraordinary assurances delivered in Tokyo very recently by Comrade Dovgalesky, the new Soviet Ambassador to Japan, at a reception given to foreign and Japanese newspapermen. It is pointed out that Comrade Dovgalesky's statements are extraordinary because they are not borne out by facts and that when the Soviet Ambassador talks of his government's "peaceful aspirations" and "friendly relations with China" he is, like all the other comrades, merely "talking through his hat."

When Comrade Dovgalesky declares that "the affairs of any nation cannot be settled by pressure from the outside," he conveniently overlooks all the pressure brought upon the Nationalists by the Government of the U. S. S. R. through such as Comrades Borodin and Karakhan. It cannot be too often emphasized that the Japanese in Manchuria are almost completely opposed to the policy of the Japanese Foreign Office and Baron Shidehara, often has been accused of an undue anxiety to exchange pleasantries with Moscow and Canton. Local Japanese resent the nature of the Note presented to the Nationalists over the Nanking outrages and assail Eugene Chen for endeavouring to shift responsibility from the Nationalists to the Powers. Japanese opinion here (writes a correspondent of the N. C. Daily News) agree with the Daily Telegraph that a united Note has been drawn up at the expense of a legitimate protest on former lines.

The Currency Difficulty.

Fengpiao (the currency) has registered some improvement, but still is low enough to plunge the lower classes into consternation. All about the city wish to see the large dollar standard adopted by their employers in the matter of wages. The trading community, too, is looking for an order by the Provincial Government to quote general prices in large dollars, but, for a radical readjustment of Manchurian finances in good time, the merchants predict a pandemonium sooner or later. Among the lower class officials, living costs are difficult to meet on account of the unprecedented depreciation of the fengpiao.

Mr. Yamamoto, of the Yokohama Specie Bank, has been making some observations on this situation. According to him, fengpiao notes at present in circulation must be about \$600,000,000, and he gives the following causes for the fall in the purchasing power of the currency:—(1) Nothing done to enhance the credit of fengpiao by redeeming it; (2) the enormous produce stocks held by the Government on the Dairen wharves may be converted into cash, it is true, but the proceeds are likely to be appropriated for war funds; (3) the rather unfavourable progress of the anti-Nationalist campaign.

Big Bean Stocks.

There are hundreds of thousands of bean stocks still under storage on the Dairen wharves and the major portion belongs to the Bank of the Three Eastern Provinces. These stocks are valued at ¥40,000,000, which will suffice for redeeming all the \$600,000,000 fengpiao notes in circulation, but the continued sinking of fengpiao in the face of this fact is due to the fear that most of the proceeds would be employed towards the pursuit of the war in China between the North and the South. The Chinese cereal dealers within the walls of Mukden appear disinclined to sell their stocks, thus causing untold distress to the poorer folk. The attempt on the part of the Civil Governor to prevent a rise in cereal prices has not brought good results. To make matters worse, there are many thousands of unemployed in North Manchuria and the authorities seem at a loss how to cope with the situation.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

DUKE OF YORK REJOINING RENOWN.

Canberra, May 10.

The Duke and Duchess of York have departed to rejoin the Renown at Melbourne. —*Reuter.*

Hunger is driving deer from the mountains into civilization, says a United States report. They seem weak from lack of food and are run at the approach of automobiles. One motorist actually ran into a group of three, one buck being bowled over several times before he regained his feet and fled into the woods.

NANKING'S REFUGEE PROBLEM.

THOUSANDS OF DESTITUTE CHINESE.

FLOCK IN FROM WAR AREA.

After the grand retreat of the allied armies of Shantung and Chihli, following the debacle at Nanking on April 23, town after town along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway as far north as Kwan Tien declared for the Nationalists and hung out flags of welcome to the Nationalist troops. Control of this area had scarcely been taken over by the Nationalists when the return push of the Shantung-Chihli Allied Armies began, writes the Shanghai Times Nanking correspondent.

The Nationalists were defeated in a number of small engagements, Kwan Tien and Chang Pa Ling were recaptured, looted and burned. As reports of this were carried south the people in the towns along the railway became terrified and all who could do so left their homes and fled for safety to points south of the Yangtze.

The Nationalist troops evacuated Chuchow on April 9 and within a few days the entire territory north of the river was again in the hands of the north. Chuchow, Chuen Tsiao Hsien, Lai'an Hsien, Lohoh Hsien and many small towns were practically deserted by their inhabitants upon the approach of the northern troops. About the middle of April the intermittent shelling of Hsiakwan made conditions there so dangerous that practically the entire population fled inside Nanking city for safety.

Some 30,000 to Care For.

There are now from twenty to thirty thousand refugees in the city of Nanking. These refugees are being cared for in part by the Anhwei Guild and other benevolent organizations but their resources are being taxed to the utmost.

The Nanking Church Council, a federated body, representing the Chinese churches and the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. has secured the use of a number of mission buildings and is making plans to care for some five hundred to a thousand of the refugees. An attempt is being made to secure funds to finance this work so a further detailed report of activities will be given later when the plans are well in hand.

The reports that Pengpu was held by the Nationalist troops thus cutting the line of communications between the Shantung-Chihli troops and their base supplies at the north is denied by those who are in close touch with the situation.

Trains are now running daily between Chuchow and points north on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. Chen Tiao-yen's troops have all retired to points south of the Yangtze thus leaving the territory north of the river from Nantung-chow on the east to Wuhu on the west in the undisputed possession of the north with the possible exception of Yangchow.

The town of Irving, in Illinois, has sixteen business establishments. Thirteen of them were burglarized in the night. Every safe in town was opened during the crime wave, but the loot was small. The post office safe yielded 75 cents. The stamps were left untouched. The grain elevator, company, garage, bank and several mercantile establishments were visited, but only about \$1 were obtained.

SHANGHAI SIKHS ON TRIAL.

MURDER AND SEDITION CHARGES.

UNAUTHORISED NEWSPAPER.

Twelve Sikhs, the majority watchmen employed in various parts of the International Settlement and French Concession, are at present in custody of the International Settlement Police at Shanghai, eleven upon a charge of being accessories before the fact to the murder of Sirdar Sahib Buddha Singh, Chief of the Sikh branch of the Municipal Police Force, who was murdered outside the Central Police Station on the morning of April 6 by another Indian, believed to be Harbant Singh, an unemployed Sikh watchman at present in custody upon this charge.

The twelfth, Gaiada Singh, late of Hankow, is charged with being in possession, on May 6, of certain written publications containing seditious matter, with intent to distribute same. Dasandha Singh, one of the eleven, is also charged with having published, at Hankow, on April 9 last a newspaper containing seditious matter, contrary to Article 80 of the China Orders in Council, 1925. The case was to come up for trial last Wednesday.

Mr. E. T. Maitland, Police Prosecutor, has charge of the case for the police. Messrs. Tycho Wing and M. Reader Harris represent several of the defendants.

The accused were all arrested practically simultaneously in various parts of the two Settlements, the officers participating in the arrests including Detective-Inspectors J. W. Prince, and J. Sullivan, Detective Sub-Inspectors MacDermott, Hunter, Robertson, Schmidt, Detective-Sergeant Ross Widdowson, Troad and Duncan.

The Indians charged are: Harnam Singh, Gurubkash Singh, Tabba Singh, Amar Singh, Hari Singh, Gujjan Singh, Sohan Singh, Charan Singh, Ishar Singh, and Dasandha Singh.

Preliminary Hearing.

The British Police Court was filled to overflowing when Magistrate G. W. King, O.B.E., took his seat on the bench for the preliminary trial. Indian cases of whatever nature invariably attract a large proportion of the local Sikh community, and night watchmen, money-lenders, police and hotel watchmen gathered together in the small space available for the public at the Police Court, eagerly digesting the proceedings and maintaining a continuous undertone of comment while turbans of every conceivable hue bobbed about in an effort to keep track of the movements of the principals in the case.

Previous to the sitting of the court, a thorough search of every Indian wishing to enter the court room was carried out by Municipal Police. Firearms were carefully searched for, and all heavy sticks, particularly those "loaded," were temporarily commandeered by the authorities whilst the Court was in session.

Two of the prisoners were late in arriving at the Court and Magistrate King immediately ordered an adjournment until the afternoon. The Police Prosecutor apologised for having to attend another court in the afternoon and the Act was consulted to decide whether the accused were entitled to be arraigned within 24 or 48 hours. Finding that it was the latter, Magistrate King agreed to an adjournment until the following morning.

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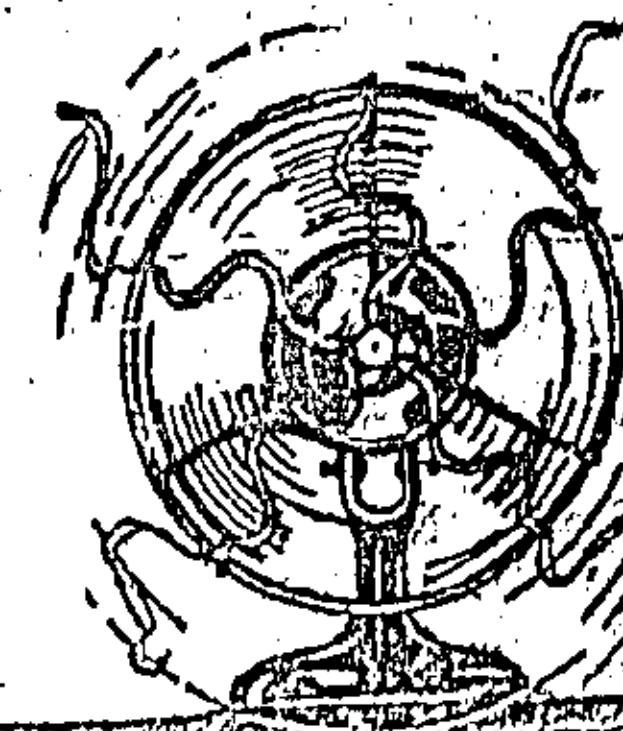
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NOBODY'S CHILD.

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of China. Created in the early eighties from very small beginnings, it slowly broke down the prejudices and suspicions of the Court until, in 1908, China seemed embarked on a programme of railway construction which would have enriched her vastly. In 1908, however, Germany bought her place in the financial sun by conceding financial control of railway funds to China, and Nationalism first reared its head. War on the foreigner began, that war of petty pinpricks, minor indignities, the East is so well skilled in. Mr. C. W. Kinder, C.M.G., the man to whom China owed the wise initial policy of rigid economy, her adequate railway standards, her gauge, the spirit of the service, resigned in 1909, unmissed after 6 and 20 years, disgusted, disillusioned, unable to tolerate the policy of petty interference of the Board of Communications which had been inaugurated in 1906. That was the beginning of the end, since then foreign control has slowly weakened, until to-day the expenditure of even £1,000 must receive the tardy sanction of Peking.

Criticism has not been lacking, but China has silenced criticism by the appointment of advisers, men at £2,000 a year and no experience of the country, men who doubtless gave quite sound advice, men who filled the filing baskets, but not the nationalities of the countries with most capital at stake. In spite of the gradual weakening of foreign authority, moral was slow to die. The Chinese Railway Service reached its zenith of prosperity and efficiency in 1918 when there was a surplus of \$8,000 per mile and the railway earnings fluctuated between 10 and 22 per cent. on the capital invested. The war era set in 1920, the Bessell assault case in 1925 marked the end of all adequate foreign control, the end of discipline. Chinese railwaymen could no longer look to the foreigner for protection or fair treatment.

Work of 40 Years Wrecked.

It is something more than hard to see the work of 40 years wrecked, it is beyond the capacity of the older men of the service to build it up again with worthless tools, the younger men have gone elsewhere. For some years the lot of the railway man has been one of discomfort and no little danger, they have had to look on while their men were cruelly beaten, they have witnessed executions of railwaymen which were mere blood lust, they have had to scavenge for the Chinese Armies, and now they are quoted loan agreements—the foreign staff of three—They can go after a lifetime in the service without a pension, minus back-pay or gratuity. That is the spirit of the Board to-day.

The increasing hopelessness of the Railway situation needs some advertisement. From the British investors' standpoint alone, it is as well to draw attention to the fact that we have sunk nearly 13 millions of money in China's railways in effective operation. From a trade point of view, it is right that we should expect some return for the part we have taken in China development. The railways in which we are interested should, if properly maintained, spend at least £500,000 annually for imported material.

Then again, British investors are concerned in the Anglo-French Loan of £5,000,000 which redeemed the original Peking-Hankow Railway Loan, they are involved to the extent of at least a quarter in the Four Power Loan of £8,000,000 which has been used in the construction of that pitiful project, the Canton-Hankow Railway, the railway man's despair. China's Panama Canal began in 1908 and is incomplete to-day. Further, at least £500,000 has been sunk in preliminary work on the Pukow-Sinyang and Nankin-Hunan lines which ceased all work in 1916.

Y.M.C.A. CONCERT.

TROOPS ENTERTAINED AT KOWLOON.

There was a happy gathering of soldiers at the Services Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon last evening, when local artists gave another of the enjoyable concerts which have become a regular feature of the entertainment programme drawn up for the benefit of the men of the Services in the Colony.

There were vocal and instrumental items, funny stories, and dances, all of which evoked hearty applause. It was evident that the large audience thoroughly appreciated the show.

At the conclusion, Mr. R. Sutherland, who had himself contributed impromptu to the evening's programme, referred to the hard work of the committee who had arranged the show, and particularly thanked Miss D. O'Keefe for her kind assistance in staging the clever dances by her pupils, and the Lyric Orchestra for its contributions. His call for three cheers for the artists was heartily responded to.

The contributors to the entertainment included the Lyric Orchestra, Mr. R. Sutherland, the Misses D. Tolan and B. Pestonji (dancing), Mr. G. E. Robson, Miss L. Tolan, Mr. O. Eager, the Misses Margery Simpson and Byron Byrne, and Mr. T. G. Paterson, with Mr. George Grimble as accompanist. The final item was a clever dance entitled "Jazz," by the Misses B. Cleme, A. Tolan, G. Smith, B. Pestonji, L. Tolan and M. Bryson.

Utter Breakdown Not Far off.

The investor needs some warning on the subject of railway maintenance. A railway does not strike one as a mechanism of great delicacy, but utter and complete breakdown is not far distant. Unless something is done, the time is not far distant when grass will grow on China's railways and a wheezing, stuttering engine will creep along and wake to sluggish life, say once a day, the erstwhile bustling railway towns of China. Even that "once a day" will not for long continue because the roadbed will eventually become unsafe for any traffic.

In China you must renew each year at least 2 per cent. of the sleepers to carry traffic normally. Since there are some 2,200 sleepers to each mile of line and sleepers cost in these days about \$3 each in place, \$800 must be spent each year on this account alone on every mile of line. Delay this for a year or two and this work becomes a capital repair beyond the revenues of railways. Again, the locomotive needs most careful regular maintenance, fire tubes, leak fire boxes burn and buckle, if boilers are not properly cared for. Neglect, again, means months' inaction, a 1,000 tons of haulage power the less for every engine thus deficient, the capital repair again if the process is multiplied. And it is multiplying without a shadow of doubt.

In these days of war perpetual, all locomotives are under guard, drivers who have not escaped are kept on their engines three weeks or more at a stretch, the engine gets its coal and water, absolutely no other care, for months on end.

Seven Years' Deterioration.

This process of starvation of vital railway needs has been going on since 1920, when Marshal Wu first assumed control of the Peking-Hankow Railway. It has recently attacked the Peking-Mukden railway, the premier line of China, it will now infallibly attack the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, the least vulnerable of all foreign controlled railways. Remember there has been war in China practically every other year since 1922, and that railways are the foe of all wars; that the war of 1924 involved every railway in China, that the present disturbances are having an almost similar effect. Recollect, as well, that the railways have no credit to meet capital repairs, and that the workshops of the country are

AMERICAN SEAMAN FINED.

SEQUEL TO BARBER-SHOP VISIT.

One of the American crew of the President Grant, who paid off on the arrival of the liner in Hongkong, has got into trouble down Wanchai way.

Sergeant Hopkins was last night called into a barber's shop at the Praya East, where it was reported that an American seaman, while under the influence of liquor, had acted in a very disorderly manner and smashed one of the chairs. He was not in the shop when the officer looked in, but Sergeant Hopkins very soon afterwards came up with him on the Praya and took him into custody. He gave his name as G. H. Connolly.

At the Police Court this morning, when Connolly was charged with being drunk and disorderly, it was stated that he refused to meet a demand for \$2 as compensation for the damage done in the barber's shop. As a matter of fact, the seaman had only one dollar, which he was willing to give to the barber. Being unable to find bail, he had spent a night in the cells.

Connolly pleaded guilty to the charge. He said that he was paid off from the President Grant and with others was awaiting transport back to the States.

A fine of \$5 was inflicted by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

CABARET DANCES.

ATTRACTION AT CAFE
PARISIEN.

Patrons of the Cafe Restaurant Parisien will be interested to hear that, commencing on Saturday night, May 14th., exhibition dances will be given by Miss Marguerite Senour, of Kentucky, U.S.A. and Professor C. Thereses, Liverpool, England.

Professor Thereses is a ballet master of repute, having presented various dancing acts successfully at the Palace and Alhambra Theatres, London, and at the Folies Bergere, Paris. Although this is his first visit to Hongkong, he is well known in Shanghai, as well as throughout India and Java. During the season, which will be a short one, exhibitions of classical, ballad and ballroom dancing will be given, including detailed demonstrations of the Charleston, Black Bottom and Flax House dances.

On completing two years in command of H. M. S. Wishart, Third Destroyer Flotilla, last reported at Hankow, Lieutenant-Commander Stephen Barry is being relieved by Lieutenant-Commander I. G. Glennie, from the Westminster, Atlantic Fleet. The latter officer was on the staff of the R.N. College, Dartmouth, in 1922-4.

Inadequate to meet the enormous rolling stock repairs every day increasing in volume.

The British investor has been drugged, with the opiate of his 5 per cent. and by the extraordinary power of recovery shown in the past, but trade is dying under present conditions. It is drifting back to unmetalled roads, the pack mule, the hilly road on which there are no Customs stations. There is no confidence in the future, railway transport grows too expensive, when \$30 must be paid to soldiers for every car, freight in addition, and then no certainty of delivery.

There has been extraordinary public myopia in our appreciation of the trend of railway affairs in China, little or no appreciation of Chinese psychology. As a result, the only cure for China's railway and all other ills is the neutralization of the railways—an expensive process which might, perhaps, have been delayed indefinitely.

AMMUNITION IN PORTMANTEAU.

"PRESIDENT" BOAT STEWARD FINED.

A special search was made, by a party of detectives, of the luggage belonging to members of the crew of the President Grant who were paid off on the ship's arrival in port on Monday morning. A scrutiny of the men's belongings, was instituted partly because of a complaint which was made to the police regarding certain members of the crew, and partly in pursuance of the usual procedure.

In the lining of a portmanteau belonging to Henry Miano, one of the discharged men, were found 47 rounds of pistol ammunition. The man was taken into custody, and was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield with unlawful possession.

The defendant admitted possession, but stated that he knew nothing about the ammunition, which had probably been planted among his effects by someone else, when it was discovered that police searches were on board.

Paid-off Waiter.

Sergeant Barnicle said that the defendant was a waiter, and was one of the men paid off on Monday. The police searched the discharged men's baggage as they left the ship. The police had received instructions to search for other things as well as for arms. The ammunition was found in the lining of defendant's portmanteau.

The police were not pressing the charge, and were only asking for a nominal fine.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$25, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

BIG DEATH ROLL.

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these unfortunates who were in the water and attempting to keep afloat by clinging to wreckage and flotsam.

The Kwong Fook Cheong states that the Moonshine continued to stand by after the collision, but the On Lee did not observe the presence of any other craft. The account of one survivor is to the effect that fishing junks from the shore came to the rescue, while others state that no craft other than the boats of the Kwong Fook Cheong and On Lee were on the scene.

There appears to be a great deal of confusion with respect to the details, but it is certain that the ship sank in less than five minutes. Opinion is unanimous that she went down by the head with a heavy list to starboard.

Interviewed this morning, the agents could give little information. The Leung Kwong is not insured, but there is a fair prospect of salvage.

Europeans Drowned.

Out of the maelstrom of conflicting information, it has been ascertained that among the missing are the Chief Engineer, A. Donaldson and Chief Officer H. Martin. Mr. Donaldson was never seen after the collision, but Mr. Martin was observed to be swimming and when a life line was thrown, he was too exhausted to grasp it and subsequently disappeared.

Practically all the first class passengers were saved, while the death toll is mainly confined to those who were travelling steerage, with the grilles locked and no means of escape. The disaster was so sudden and warning so short that the fore part was submerged before it was thoroughly realised that anything serious had happened.

The tale, so far as the survivors are concerned is now told. There is nothing more to add, since all available sources of information have been tapped. It is not to be doubted that many lives were lost owing to locked grilles.

ARMED ROBBERIES IN SHANGHAI.

GANGS MAKE OFF WITH \$1,905.

Seven armed robberies were officially reported towards the end of last week in Shanghai, among them being several daring raids by small bands, resulting in large hauls being made. Some \$1,905 worth of goods was taken. None of the robbers was arrested. No shots were fired during the raids.

Early in the morning of Wednesday, a Chinese entered a silver-smith's shop at 1862 Sinza Road and told the owner that he wished to sell a heavy gold ring. A deal was made, from which the Chinese gained \$53. The Chinese then stated that he wished to buy a pair of gold bangles. Some were produced. None was what the Chinese wanted. When a sufficient valuable pair of bangles had been produced, the Chinese calmly pocketed them. In payment he pulled out a pistol, with which he kept the shop assistants covered while he made his escape before the alarm could be raised.

Shroffs As Victims.

Two shroffs belonging to Sung Zing-tso, a land agent, were held up by armed robbers at 4.10 p.m. during the afternoon. The shroffs, who were carrying money collected, were accompanied by three body-guards. The body-guards were herded into the house by the robbers, one of whom was armed and kept them covered. Another member of the gang snatched a bag from one of the shroffs, containing \$600. Before making off the gang warned the shroffs not to report the matter to the police, under pain of assassination.

A carefully planned coup was carried out in the morning against a dwelling house, No. 596 North Chengsu Road, by a group of bandits. An alarm was raised from a neighbouring house, and police rushed to the scene. It was found, however, that the robbers had not attacked the house from which the alarm was raised, and by the time the police had located the scene of the robbery the band had escaped.

Threatened With Pistol.

Three men knocked at the front door. It was opened. They forced their way in, one of them producing a revolver. The inhabitants were herded into a small room on the ground floor, where one of the three robbers mounted guard over them. Meanwhile the amah in the back quarters answered a knock on the back door of the house, and was instantly over-powered by two men who pushed in as she opened the door. These two men, members of the same gang of robbers, joined the others in ransacking the building. Goods and money totalling \$123 were taken.

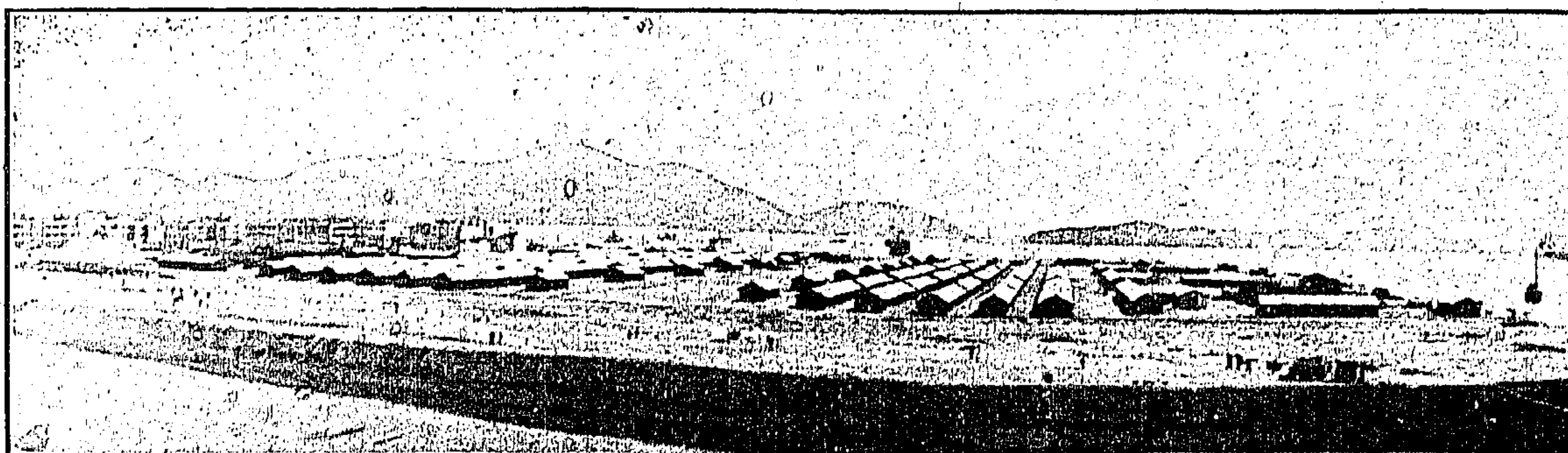
A silk hong was raided the same evening. The hong is situated in 1246 Peking Road. Four men, two armed, forced their way in shortly after 7 o'clock, and held up the workers. Going to the cashier's office they seized the cash box and made off. The box contained \$773.00.

A coal and firewood shop in 148 Pakhoi Road was raided about an hour later. Six men, three of them armed, held up the occupants and rifled the cash drawer of \$80, before the alarm could be raised.

Two armed men entered a rice shop in Yangtzepoo Road and robbed the owner of goods and money totalling \$83. About the same time two armed men raided 576 Carter Road, holding up the three inhabitants at the point of the pistol and getting away with money and jewellery valued at \$62. The raid occupied less than three minutes.

Major-General Lewis S.T. Halliday, V.C., who on April 5 was appointed Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines, gained the V.C. for his gallantry during the defence of the Legations in the Boxer rebellion. For the wounds he received on that occasion he gets a pension of £50 a year.

NEW HUT ENCAMPMENT AT SHAMSHUIPO.



The above panoramic view, shows the large new hut camp which has been constructed at Shamshuiipo for the Shanghai Defence Force, by the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Company. Four further transports with troops are expected from Home shortly and it is decided that the men stay in Hongkong some will go to the above-shown accommodation. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

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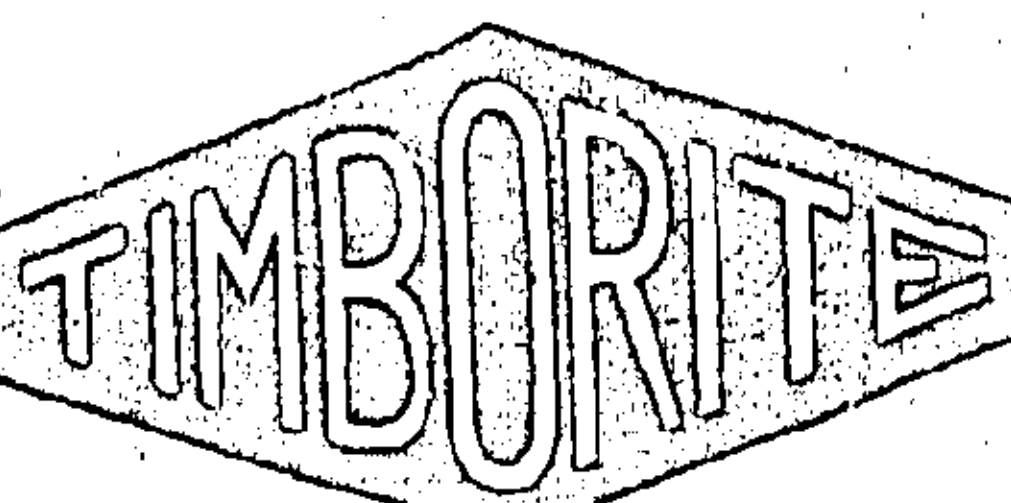
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THE CHINESE CHAMBER.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon, the chair being occupied by Mr. Li Yau Chuen.

There was a fairly good attendance of members. The report for the preceding year was unanimously passed.

Following the annual general meeting, the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber took place. Of particular interest were a number of letters read by the Secretary, Mr. Ip Lan Chuen which were received by the Chamber from business houses in Hongkong and Kowloon regarding the Hongkong Electric Co. and China Light & Power Company.

One firm wrote alleging that their meter was cut off without any reason being given and on enquiring from the Company it was ascertained that the meter was disconnected by mistake. Replacement took the Company some time.

Another letter from a private person alleged that the Electric Company refused to instal a meter for his house unless he was willing to pay up the arrears incurred by a former tenant.

One firm wrote to say that when the shroff called to collect bills he was impolite and because he did not get his money immediately went away and did not call for some time. Later the Company sent the firm a letter threatening to cut off the current unless the account was paid up immediately.

Members' Complaints.

A member present at the meeting yesterday stated that it was hardly fair for the Company to extract a deposit from a customer of \$30 or \$40 and then cut off his supply of current because a small bill of perhaps four or five dollars was unpaid. The Company insisted on the deposit because they could not trust the consumer, but what guarantee had the consumer against the Company?

The speaker said that at least 300,000 to 500,000 lights are being used amongst shopkeepers in the Colony. The Company demanded an average deposit of five dollars per light. This meant that the Company placed large sum of money in the bank, derived from deposits, on which they draw interest.

A shopkeeper wrote to allege that he commenced business last May and in order to have light in his small shop had to lodge a deposit of \$20 with the Hongkong Electric Company. He paid the accounts regularly but in November last he received a letter from the Company to pay a further \$10 in towards his deposit. This he did, but in March this year he received yet another letter to pay an additional \$15 towards his deposit. He appealed to the Chamber for assistance.

It was decided that the matter should be left in the hands of the two Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council.

A Piracy Echo.

A letter from Mr. W. W. Hornell, Vice Chancellor of the Hongkong University was next read. It stated that the Chamber was good enough to grant \$1,000 towards the University fund last year and asked for a further donation. The matter was left over to be dealt with by the Executive Committee.

It was stated that on April 21 the Chamber sent to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire an embroidered book with the names of the Captain and Officers of the Sunning inscribed and also two scrolls to match which were framed in blackwood, with the request that these be hung in the latter's office as a sign of the Chamber's recognition and appreciation of the splendid work of the men on the occasion of the piracy of the vessel towards the end of last year.

An Invitation.

Reference was made to the past that the Victoria Chamber of Commerce (Canada) had written to the Fifth Annual Convention of the Pacific Foreign Trade Council, which will take place in Victoria on September 15, 16 and 17. The Convention embraces the whole of the industrial life on the Pacific Coast. It is distinctive in that for the first time in history 1,600 United States manufacturers will meet and discuss commercial affairs on British soil.

It is intended to make the convention a big international affair and for this purpose manufacturing and commercial representa-

STORMY SCENE IN COMMONS.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

When the Foreign Secretary was replying to a question by Mr. Lansbury on the Chinese situation in the House of Commons in mail week there was a stormy scene for a few minutes on Mr. Lansbury trying to intervene on a point of order. He persisted in speaking amid cries of "Order," and the Speaker informed Mr. Lansbury that this intervention did not come within a point of order.

Sir Austen had said that the information concerning recent events at Nanking had been drawn from reports of British authorities in China, based on their own experience and statements made to them by members of the Japanese and United States communities.

Captain Duff-Cooper asked if the hon. gentleman's attention had been called to a poster by *Lansbury's Weekly* stating that the Conservative party were responsible for the massacres.

Mr. Lansbury—So they are, and I will repeat it in the House.

Libellous Statement.

Sir Austen—My attention has not been called to this, but I cannot conceive with what purpose a British citizen can publish so libellous a statement. (Loud Ministerial cheers.)

In a private notice question, Sir Walter de Frece asked whether the Foreign Secretary's attention had been called to the issue of a statement in this country declaring that the British bombardment at Nanking was carried out with incendiary shells, which destroyed more than half of the city, that over two thousand of the population were killed, and that the Cantonese troops had nothing to do with the attacks on Europeans, but that the attack was carried out by Northerners and encouraged by White Russians.

Sir Austen replied that his attention had been called to these reports. He had already given to the House information which entirely refuted the statements (reported in another column) so far as concerned the casualties of the Chinese and the destruction of property.

Shot in Cold Blood.

As regarded the question of responsibility for the outrages, he had received a telegram from His Majesty's Consul-General at Nanking, in which he stated that the outstanding fact that could be proved beyond question was that the looting and killing were the work of Nationalist soldiers in uniform.

It was also established that foreigners were shot down in cold blood by Nationalist soldiers, and it was equally established that practically every foreign house, including three Consulates, were gutted and that at least eight foreign houses were burnt down, all by Nationalist soldiers. The looting continued for several days after March 24, upon which date the casualties occurred.

The information received from Japanese and American sources entirely confirmed the information received from British sources as to the original character of these outrages.

Mr. Thurtle asked Sir A. Chamberlain whether Mr. Chen had not stated it was not Cantonese soldiers but other brigands and troops.

Sir A. Chamberlain—"When Mr. Chen said that, he said that which was contrary to the facts."

Mr. Lansbury asked whether the direct contrary between the Foreign Secretary's statement and that of Mr. Chen was not reason for an independent mission to go to Nanking.

Sir A. Chamberlain replied frigidly—"I do not consider it part of my duty, as apparently the hon. member does, to disbelieve every British representative."

"Insulting Suggestion."

Loud Ministerial cheers greeted the reply, and Mr. Lansbury stood up. He was inaudible in the din of cheers and counter-cheers, and Sir Austen Chamberlain refused to give way to him.

The Speaker obtained silence, and Mr. Lansbury asked on a point of order whether the Foreign Secretary had a right to charge him with such an insulting suggestion.

The Ministerial cries broke out afresh and more angrily, and among them were repeated demands—"Shut up" and "Sit down."

The Speaker said that was not a point of order, and the incident concluded with a brief remark by Sir Austen Chamberlain, "I leave it there, sir."

A Labour member—"The best thing you can do."

tives of America, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and elsewhere have been invited to join. The invitation is extended to Hongkong and the Victoria Chamber of Commerce expressed the hope that Hongkong will be fully represented.

FAMOUS MARKET TO GO.

HAY BLOCKAGE IN WHITECHAPEL.

At a total cost of £18,000 London is to rid itself of one of the most irritating obstacles to traffic which it possesses—the Hay Market in the Whitechapel High-street, E. The market has existed since 1551, and its position right in the middle of the street, with tramway-lines on either side, has made the passage of traffic exceedingly slow.

In the days when the demand for hay was greater than it is now there were often hundreds of hay-wagons there on market days—Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday—but in recent years the average number has been between 30 and 40.

The three firms involved—Gingell, Son, and Fokett, Gardner and Gardner, and Willis and Willis—who acquired the market rights from the lord of the manor in 1912, have now come to an arrangement with the London County Council by which, subject to the passing of a Bill now before the House of Commons, they will remove the market within six months of the passing of the Bill.

When the market is removed the tramway-lines will be placed in the middle of the street, thus leaving a free passage for traffic on each side.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Grant, from Manila, via ports, May 10.—Rev. Primo Calada, Mr. L. De La Rosa, Mr. Luciano De La Cruz, Rev. Bulbino Fontedra, Mr. H. M. Goldin, Mrs. H. M. Goldin, Mr. John F. Purcell, Mrs. John F. Purcell, Rev. Ricardo Rodrigo, Miss Katherine Euskino, Mr. S. Y. Singee, Mr. Pei Jive Tich, Mr. H. G. Q. Wales, See Yum.

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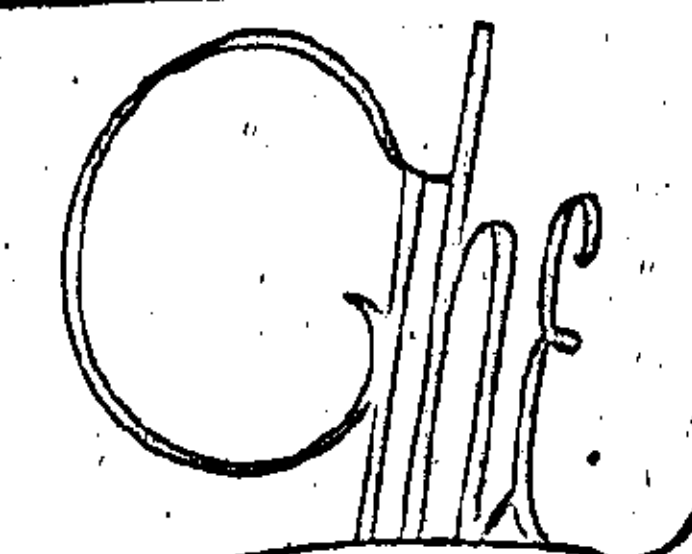
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LONDON CHINA MERCHANT'S SORE TOOTH.

Damages for alleged negligence in the extraction of a tooth which, it was stated, had resulted in serious injury, illness, and suffering were claimed in an action brought in the King's Bench, London, last month, by Mr. Leonard Toft, of Hanley Staffordshire, who formerly carried on business as a china merchant at stalls in Derwick Market and Calcutt Market, London.

The defendants were Macdonald's Dental Co. (London), Ltd., Oxford Street, who denied that their employee, in extracting the tooth, had been guilty of any negligence.

Mr. Doughty, K.C., for plaintiff, said his client suffered from bad toothache on Friday, March 12 of last year, and on the following day the tooth was extracted by one of defendants' employees. Plaintiff had badly inflamed gums and a serious abscess near the root of the disagreeable molar.

Counsel said his case was that it was absolutely wrong to have removed the tooth by means of local anaesthetic. The man should have been sent home until the abscess burst naturally, or he should have been given gas, and the tooth removed in that way.

Decayed Bone.

In order to denude the pain by means of a local anaesthetic, a hypodermic needle had to be inserted not only through the inflamed gums, but through the skin of the bone. In doing this, said counsel, infection was carried from a place where it was apparently innocuous into the bone itself and the result was intimate decay of the bone. This was difficult to cure, and for months the plaintiff had undergone a number of operations. He suffered agony so much that doctors occasionally had to give him morphia. All last year he was in a dreadful condition.

The Judge—How old is he?

Mr. Doughty—Thirty-one years of age.

The Judge—Plenty of time to get more toothaches. (Laughter).

Mr. Doughty stated that from 1915 to 1919 plaintiff was in the Royal Artillery, and after demobilisation he carried on business as a china merchant, earning £3. 10s. a week.

Counsel went on to describe how plaintiff waited at the doorstep of the defendants' institution until the arrival of an assistant on March 13 of last year.

The assistant said plaintiff had got fang trouble and after giving a local anaesthetic, he removed the tooth.

He injected cocaine with a hypodermic syringe that had a hypodermic needle. There was a large swelling inside the mouth where the abscess was, and although plaintiff had some relief at first, he became gradually worse.

There was no bleeding after the extraction, and counsel suggested that that had been improperly stopped by the use of improper drugs on the part of defendant's employee.

Got No Sleep.

On the night following the extraction plaintiff had no sleep, and the following day a doctor was called in and ordered him to bed. The plaintiff's wife called on the dentist and told him what had occurred, but though he said he would come and see plaintiff, he never did come.

Two days later, plaintiff was in such agony that the doctor administered morphia, and on March 17, plaintiff was taken to Highgate Infirmary where he was treated with fomentations. After leaving the Infirmary, Dr. Baker, of Camden Road, was called and gave him some relief by making an incision, and on March 23, there was a more elaborate operation by that doctor and his partner.

The jaw, however, again got bad, and on April 5 last year, plaintiff went to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, because at that time the diseased bone was coming out from the flesh. He was an inmate at the hospital during April, May, and part of June, and his condition was very serious. He was operated upon and his face still bore marks of these operations. On June 10 he was sufficiently relieved to be discharged as an out-patient. On June 15, he had a further slight operation and he attended the hospital until August 3.

In November he got work at Hanley in Staffordshire and worked there until February 18, when he was again taken ill and had to give up his work. On March 24, another piece of bone came away from the gum, and the doctors would tell the court that other pieces might still come away.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE EXTENSION.

SEEKING WAY OUT OF PLEDGE?

The proposed extension of the franchise to all women of 21 years of age is causing the acutest split in the Tory Cabinet and among the rank and file which has so far arisen, declares a London Liberal Journal in mail week.

It is declared that when the Home Secretary gave a pledge to the House last year that at the next election men and women would vote on equal terms he was exceeding his mandate; that he was never authorised by the Prime Minister to go so far.

But a pledge is a pledge, though some Tories argue that if you can alter legislation, you can cancel a pledge.

Since it was known that the Government reluctantly felt itself constrained to extend the franchise, almost an open rebellion has broken out among the diehards.

Cabinet's Dilemma.

The Cabinet are in a dilemma. They must either break the party or their pledge. Their way out seems to be the setting up of a Royal Commission to examine the question and to delay its report so long that nothing can be done before the next election.

The questions of redistribution of seats and electoral reform are tied up with the question of the Franchise Reform. But it is very unlikely that either will be touched by this Government. The Home Secretary has made up his mind that in the main the present haphazard method of voting benefits the Tory party.

Some enlightened Tories, the paper continues, believed the alternative vote is the only means of getting a majority Government, but the bulk of them are as much against any electoral reform as they are against "votes for flappers."

and that plaintiff might have trouble for months to come.

2s. 6d. Paid for Extraction.

Plaintiff gave evidence bearing out counsel's statement and stated that he paid the dentist 2s. 6d. for the extraction.

Dr. Kellough, who carried on practice at Camden Town, gave evidence for the plaintiff, and expressed his view that the condition of the bone in the jaw was set up by the extraction of the tooth, which was inadvisable at the time.

Sir Henry Maddocks, for defendants, in opening their case, contended that all reasonable care had been taken by the dentist and that there was no ground for asserting that the disease of the bone was occasioned by the dental surgeon. It was a case of ordinary extraction of a troublesome tooth.

Mr. Nedorley, dentist, who extracted the tooth, stated in evidence that he had been 27 years in charge of defendants' establishment in Oxford Street, and 40 years in practice. When he saw plaintiff and extracted the tooth there was no abscess whatever or swelling or anything to indicate that extraction was inadvisable.

Judgment was given for plaintiff for £125 damages, with costs.

PRINCE A WINKLE.

INITIATED INTO FISHER- MEN'S ORDER.

The Prince of Wales was made a member of the Ancient Order of Winkles at Hastings in mail week. This among the fishermen and the other folk of Hastings is regarded as equivalent to the Froth-Blowers.

The Prince was handed a little white box. When he received it he asked, "What is this?" and he was asked to open it. After he had done so the Prince held in the palm of his hand a little gold-dipped winkle, and immediately he was surrounded, and the other Winkles, with one loud cry acclaimed him a member and sang, "Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue."

Hastings was on holiday to-day to welcome the Prince of Wales, who was the central figure in one of the most extensive of Royal pageants in the modern history of the town. The inhabitants had been at great pains to demonstrate their loyalty and interest.

There was not a single shop in the principal streets, not a boarding-house or hotel on the sea front, that had not its display of flags and festoons. The square in the centre of the town was a blaze of colour. The townspeople were early astir this morning repairing the ravages caused by a night of wind and rain.

Path of Roses.

Shopgirls and other maids of Hastings have long cherished a desire to have a glimpse of the Prince, and they were taking no chances to-day. Soon after nine o'clock they were making their way towards the station to take up their posts of vantage. Most of them were wearing little rosettes or red, white and blue.

Primroses were strewn in the path of the Prince of Wales when he made a triumphant entry. He had a wonderful reception, and as he drove from the West St. Leonard's Station along the two miles of sea-front to the new White Rock Pavilion, which he was to open, cheer after cheer went up from the thousands of people who lined the route.

The Prince was obviously pleased with the great welcome he received. Thousands of people lined the gaily-decorated streets.

The Prince's first engagement was to open the White Rock Pavilion. Afterwards he inspected a party of schoolchildren in the White Rock Pleasure Grounds, and formally opened a sports oval.

At the White Rock Gardens, two children, wearing the V.C.s of their dead fathers, were presented to him, and he told each of them what a splendid thing it was to have a father so brave as to win the V.C.

"Do you remember your daddy?" he asked one of them, Alizon McReady-Diarmid, whose father fell in winning his V.C. at Cambrai. "I was a tiny baby at the time," replied the girl.

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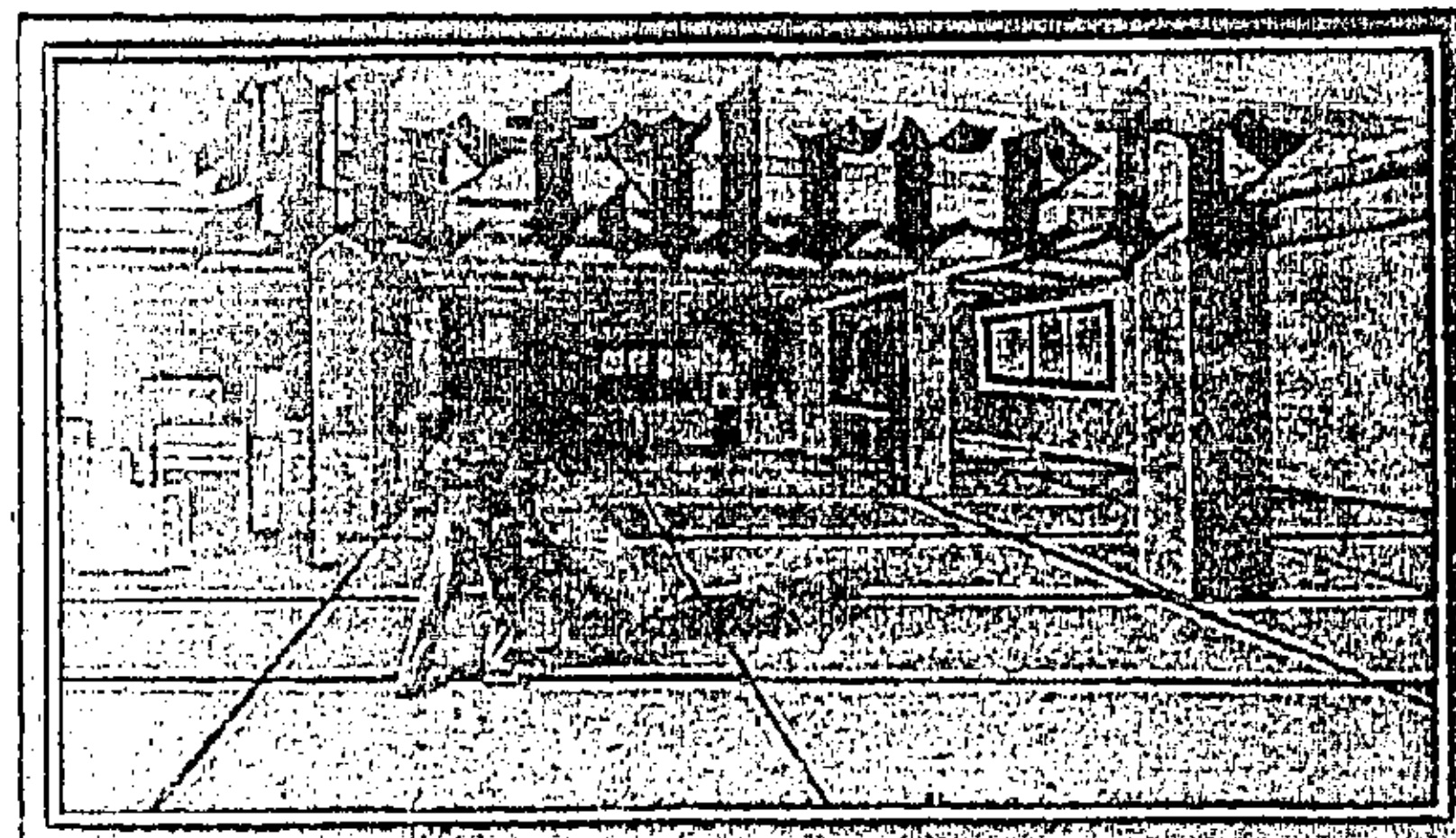
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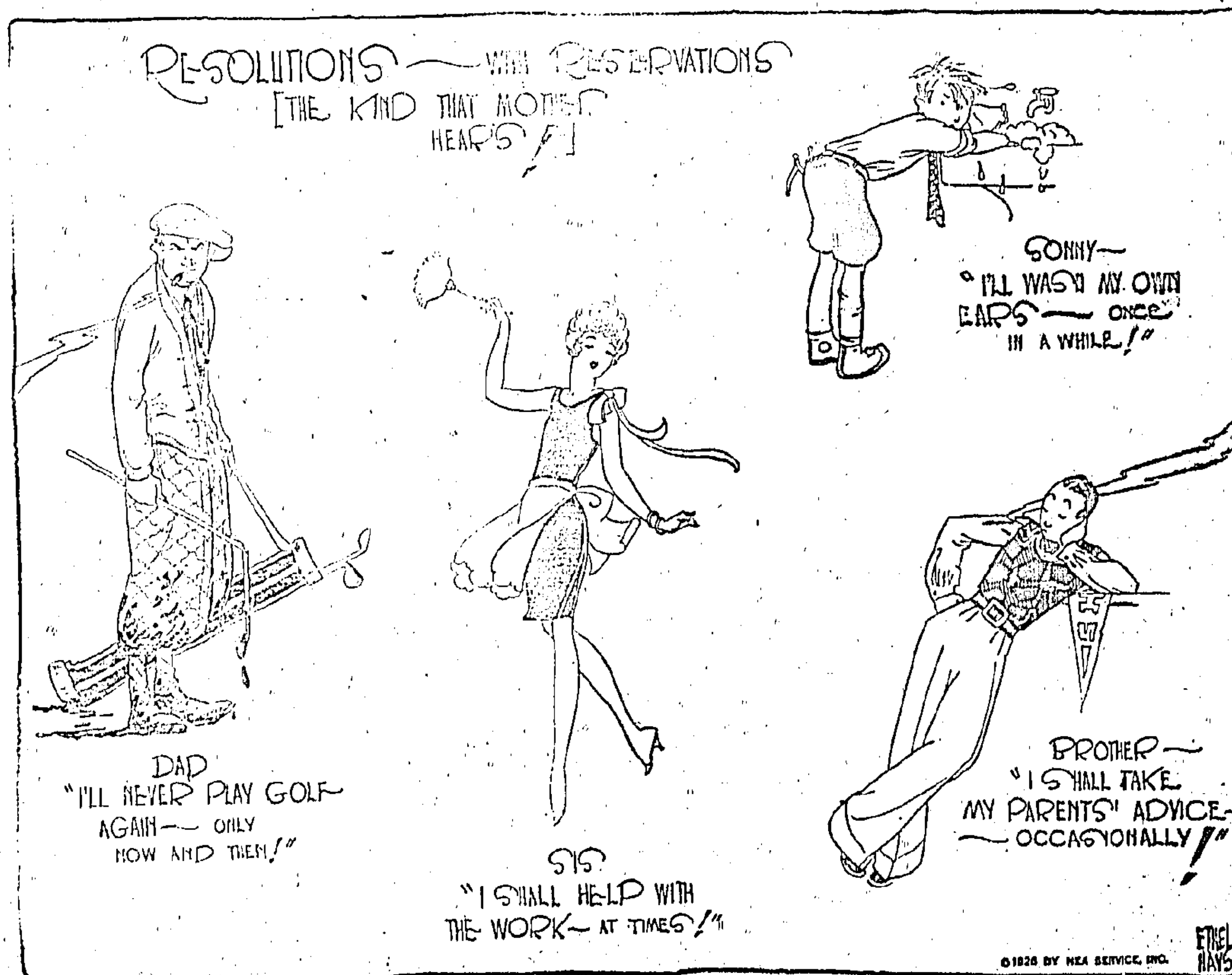
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COUNTY CRICKET.

SENSATIONAL BATTING PERFORMANCES.

HOBBS, NEWMAN AND BATES MAKE TWO CENTURIES.

DULEEPSINHJI, 245 NOT.

Brilliant weather in the last three days was productive of some sensational performances in the field of County Cricket.

Jack Hobbs and Newman both made a century in each innings for their respective counties in the match between Surrey and Hampshire at the Oval, while Bates (Gloucester) emulated their example playing against Essex at Leyton.

K. Duleepsinhji, the young Cambridge University player and nephew of the world-famous "Ranji" made 245 not out against Middlesex. Duleepsinhji will probably play for Sussex this season.

Fifteen centuries were made in all. The principal performances are appended:

Batting.	
K. Duleepsinhji (Cambridge) ..	245
Holmes (Yorkshire) ..	180
Hammond (Gloucester) ..	135
Sutcliffe (Yorkshire) ..	134
D. Davies (Gloucester) ..	121
Shepherd (Surrey) ..	120
Hobbs (Surrey) ..	112
and ..	104
Bates (Gloucester) ..	106
and ..	111
Bates (Warwick) ..	106
Parsons (Warwick) ..	106
Newman (Hants) ..	102
and ..	102
Hipkin (Essex) ..	102
* Not Out.	

Bowling.	
Larwood (Nottingham) ..	7 for 36
Waddington (Yorkshire) ..	5 for 51
Clay (Gloucester) ..	4 for 33
Parks (Sussex) ..	3 for 15

LARWOOD IN FORM.

Sussex Defeated by Eight Wickets. London, May 10.

Larwood, the famous Nottingham bowler, was in capital form against Sussex at Nottingham, taking seven wickets for 36 runs in the first innings.

Notts defeated Sussex by eight wickets, the scores being:

Notts: 244 and 136 (for two wickets).

Sussex collapsed before brilliant bowling by Larwood in their first innings, and Nottingham triumphed by their reply was not distinguished by any outstanding performance obtained a lead of 115 runs. Holingdale took four Notts wickets for 67 runs, while Parks took three for 15.

Bowley and Isherwood made a good stand for Sussex at their second essay, Bowley scoring 57 and Isherwood 54. Staples (A.) took four wickets for 49.

Notts knocked off the runs necessary for victory with loss of only two wickets, Walker being undefeated at the close with 59 to his credit.

AN INNINGS VICTORY.

Three Centuries in Yorkshire Match.

Yorkshire demonstrated their batting strength very early in the season. Against Gloucestershire, at Gloucester, they compiled the huge total of 468 runs for the loss of only five wickets, and defeated the Southern county by an innings and twenty-one runs.

The scores were:

Gloucester: 189 and 258.

Yorkshire: 468 (for 5 wickets decd.).

Waddington took five wickets for 51 runs in the Gloucester first innings.

Holmes and Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire opening batsmen, passed their opponents' total without being separated, Holmes going on to compile 180 in brilliant style, while Sutcliffe scored 134 before he was defeated. Roy Kilner had hit 90 (not out) when the declaration was made.

Hammond was the only Gloucester player to offer effective resistance to the Yorkshire attack. He scored a smart 135 before losing his wicket.

Lancashire Held. Two Warwick Players Hit Centuries.

Lancashire had to rest content with points for a win on the first innings against Warwickshire at Birmingham.

The Champions appeared to be in a sound winning position when a declaration was made in the second innings, but the home side put up a strong resistance and play out time, Bates batting

soundly for a not-out century.

The scores were:

Lancashire: 375 and 240 (for 3 wickets decd.).

Warwick: 267 and 199 (for 3 wickets).

Hallows (70) Green (68) and C. H. Taylor (77) were the principal contributors to the Lancashire first innings total.

Parsons, the veteran all-rounder, scored 105 in the Warwick first innings, while Sibbles took four wickets for 56 runs.

Green was again in form when he went in to bat a second time, Lancashire compiled 240 (for 3 wickets), putting them 348 ahead when the declaration was made.

Green scored 55, Watson 52, and Iddon 80 not out.

Bates scored 106 (not out) in the Warwick second innings.

NEW HOBBS' RECORD.

Makes Two Centuries Against Hants.

Jack Hobbs, the famous Surrey and England cricketer, scored a century in both innings of a match for the fourth time in his career whilst playing against Hampshire at the

Curiously enough, the feat was also accomplished in the same match by Newman, the Hampshire all-rounder, who scored 102 in each innings.

The scoring was colossal, 1339 runs being scored in the course of the game for the loss of 31 wickets.

Surrey gained points for a win on the first innings, the scores being:

Surrey: 439 and 281 (for 6 wickets decd.).

Hants: 370 and 249 (for 5 wickets).

In Surrey's first innings, Hobbs scored 112, A. Jeacocke 55, Shepherd 120, Peach 77, and P. G. H. Fender 53. Newman took five wickets for 123 runs.

Hants replied effectively being only 69 runs in arrears. Philip Mead scored 57 and Newman, the bowler, compiled the third century of the match, being defeated when he had scored 102.

Hobbs and Sandham made a good stand at the opening of Surrey's second innings. Sandham lost his wicket at 58, but Hobbs went on to complete his second century. Potheary, the new Hants bowler, took four wickets for 47.

Newman followed example by scoring 102 not out in the Hampshire second innings.

Essex Narrowly Avert Defeat.

Gloucester displayed remarkable form in their first match of the season, against Essex at Leyton, and the home county narrowly averted defeat. Scoring was remarkably high as at the Oval, but Essex collapsed at their second effort.

The scores were:

Gloucester: 485 and 211 (for 5 wickets decd.).

Essex: 411 and 106 (for 9 wickets).

Bates, the young Gloucester batsman, found his form early in the season, hitting up a century in each innings, hitting up a century in each innings.

In the Gloucester first innings, Bates scored 105, Walters made 78, and D. Davies was not out with 121 to his credit at the fall of the last wicket. Russell, evidently brought on towards the end, took four wickets for 60 runs.

Essex replied with 411, J. W. H. T. Douglas, the captain, making 64 not out. Cutmore scored 51, Eastman 60, and Hipkin, the fast bowler, 102.

Bates contributed 111 to the Gloucester second innings' total of 211 for 5 wickets.

Gloucester brought about an Essex collapse, but time robbed them of victory. Nine wickets fell for 106 runs, T. Clay taking 4 wickets for 33.

DULEEPSINHJI, 245 NOT OUT.

Cambridge Draw With Middlesex.

K. Duleepsinhji, "Ranji's" nephew, scored 245 not out against Middlesex for Cambridge University. The young Indian's brilliant effort was the second in successive matches. He scored a century against the Yorkshire bowling last week.

The Middlesex game was drawn, the scores being:

Cambridge: 231 and 366 (for 5 wickets decd.).

Middlesex: 344 and 123 (for 3 wickets).

Dawson scored 53, and Durston took four wickets for 45 runs in the Cambridge first innings.

For Middlesex, Lee compiled 52, Henderson 68, and Killick 94. Lowe took five wickets for 71 runs.

Duleepsinhji scored 245 not out in a total of 366 for 5 wickets in the Cambridge second innings.

He was in brilliant form, scoring rapidly all round the wicket.

SATURDAY'S BOXING.

A. R. EWIN TO MEET NEWCOMER IN TEN-ROUNDER.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

[By "Wanderer".]

The programme for the last boxing tournament of the season has now been completed, and while there are but few prominent names on the list, fight fans should be accorded excellent entertainment.

In addition to the fifteen rounds contest for the featherweight championship of the Colony, between A. B. Halligan and A. B. Hindle, a fight which is likely to prove well worth seeing has been arranged between A. B. Ewin and a newcomer, A. B. Coombes ("Dingle" Coombes) of H.M.S. Wivern.

Coombes is a boxer of established reputation, forceful and a hard hitter, and Ewin will need to be on his mettle to win. Ewin, of course, is well-known. He has beaten everything in the Colony at his weight except Stoker Morris.

A Lighter Task.

Stoker Gold, who pleased immensely by his capital exhibition against A. B. Hindle at the last tournament, will have a less tough nut to crack in A. B. Kirkhead of H.M.S. Froisher. Warder Grant and Marine Hills, both of whom have had a rest from fighting just lately, will be in opposition. Grant has improved considerably of late and the meeting should prove one of the best fights of the evening.

Hindle and Halligan are in serious training for their championship fight. Halligan has the assistance of L. S. Dixon and Iron Bux and he is reported to be fighting fit. Hindle is a boxer of considerable experience, who gave an example of his capabilities against Gold. He fought the last five rounds with his right hand incapacitated and still gained the victory.

The complete programme is appended:

Championship Fight.

A. B. Hindle v. A. B. Halligan.

Welterweight Contest. 10 Rounds.

A. B. Ewin v. A. B. Coombes.

Bantamweight Contest. 6 Rounds.

Stoker Gold v. A. B. Kirkhead.

Featherweight Contest. 6 Rounds.

Marine Hills v. Warder Grant.

Welterweight Contest. 6 Rounds.

A. B. Green v. Pte. Spalding.

Lightweight Contest.

A. B. Baker v. Stoker Whittington.

NEW ZEALAND TOUR.

TREMENDOUS SCORE IN FIRST MATCH.

London, May 10.

The New Zealand team which is touring England during the present cricket season, opened its fixtures against Mr. P. F. Martineau's XI at Hoveport in a two-day match, which was drawn.

The New Zealanders compiled the colossal score of 486 runs for 9 wickets in their first innings, three players making centuries.

The scores were:

N.Z.: 586 (for 9 wickets decd.).

Mr. Martineau's XI: 265 and 163 (for 6 wickets).

Blunt made 119, Mills, 188 and Dacre 101 in the New Zealand first innings.

Capt. Wilkinson made 101 for Mr. Martineau's XI, while Merritt took four wickets for 33 runs, and Bernau took 4 for 59 runs. Following on, the English side had scored 163 for 6 wickets (Tanner 72) when time intervened.—*Reuter*.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

INDIANS BEAT SPANIARDS.

Barcelona, May 10.

Playing in the Davis Cup contests, Fyeez and Prasad, representing India, beat Flaquer and J. Morales, of Spain, by 6-5, 6-3, 6-3.—*Reuter*.

NO TENNIS TO-DAY.

EXHIBITION MATCHES ARE POSTPONED.

The exhibition tennis matches arranged to take place this afternoon, in aid of the Hongkong Women's Guild and the M. C. L., will not be played owing to the state of the ground.

At present no definite date has been fixed for the matches, but it is unlikely that they will be played until the Championship games have been completed. The arrangements are contingent on the state of the court.

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CLERK COMMITTED.

HANDWRITING EXPERT'S
SIGNATURE FORGED.

Matthew Kailey Joseph, a Government clerk employed in the Analyst's Office in the new Government building, was charged yesterday before Major C. Willson with the larceny of two blank cheques, the property of Mr. E. R. Dovey, with forging one of the cheques, and with uttering this and also a documentary letter, at the Mercantile Bank of India.

In opening the case, the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King) said that when the offences were discovered, the accused forestalled police action by giving himself up at the Central Police Station. He was already there when Mr. Dovey came up with an assistant accountant of the Mercantile Bank to make a report.

Accused was employed as a clerk to Mr. Dovey, and had charge also of the telephone switchboard. It was suggested, by an experiment carried out subsequently, that the accused could overhear conversations between Mr. Dovey and outside subscribers, and that by this same means he was enabled to anticipate, from a conversation held on Saturday morning, that suspicion had fallen on him.

A Telephone Conversation.

The case for the prosecution was that being given complete access to Mr. Dovey's office, accused tore two blank cheques, removing the stubs at the same time, from Mr. Dovey's cheque book; and on Saturday presented one of these at the Mercantile Bank after filling in an amount of \$980, and forging Mr. Dovey's name to this amount. He also presented a letter purporting to emanate from Mr. Dovey and asking for the conversion of the sum into English pounds.

The money was duly paid out by Mr. H. Weller, an assistant accountant of the Bank, but on subsequent enquiries it was learned from Mr. Dovey over the telephone, that both the cheque and the letter were unauthorised.

Mr. King suggested that this telephone conversation had been overheard by the accused, who had at first endeavoured to stave off discovery by saying that Mr. Dovey was out.

Later accused went to the Police Station where he made a confession and gave himself up.

Evidence was then taken. Mr. Dovey bore out Mr. King's statement, stating that he did not know that two leaves were missing from his cheque book until he had the conversation with Mr. Weller.

Questioned by the accused, Mr. Dovey said that he had nothing against the character of the accused until this case. Accused had not given much satisfaction in his office work and lately witness was considering a recommendation for dispensing with his services.

Accused had charge of the switchboard, and yesterday morning witness carried out an experiment and discovered that by pressing a certain button on the board, the man operating the sub-exchange lines could eavesdrop on the speakers.

At the Bank.

Mr. H. Weller, stated that he was assistant accountant of the Mercantile Bank of India. On Saturday morning, shortly after the official opening hour, accused presented himself at the Bank and handed in the cheque in question accompanied by a request for its conversion into English pounds. Witness had to send out for the rate of exchange; and while this was being done, witness asked accused to call again, which he did about twenty minutes later and was handed the money in Bank of England and Treasury notes.

Subsequently, in accordance with a practice observed in the case of Mr. Dovey's relations with the Bank, witness called Mr. Dovey up on the telephone and discovered the forgery. He recognized accused by his heavy features and the particular type of voice he wore when calling at the Bank.

At the Police Station.

Sub-Inspector Pain was the next witness called, and in reply to Mr. King said that he was "on duty" in the charge room of the Central Police Station on Saturday morning when the defendant entered and said that he wished to speak to witness quietly. "I have committed forgery and have the money in my pocket," he confided to witness, who handed the man over to Sergeant Dyerson of the Criminal Intelligence Department.

Cross-examined by the defendant, with regard to his general appearance on entering the station, witness said that he seemed depressed and was crying.

Detective Sergeant Dyerson gave evidence of taking charge of the

PROPERTY SALE.

BONHAM STRAND LOTS OLD.

The attendance at the China Auction Rooms was not large yesterday, when property in Bonham Strand was put up for sale by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, although bidding was quite good under the circumstances.

The lot offered was Inland Lot No. 1027, with the buildings thereon, known as 32 Bonham Strand West, held for a term of 99 years at an annual Crown Rent of \$50.

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PRESIDENT GRANT.

COMPANY'S STATEMENT ON INCIDENT.

With reference to the incident on the a.s. President Grant, reported in our yesterday's issue, the Admiral Oriental Line states that there was at no time any indication of a serious fracas on board the vessel.

In order to furnish the passengers of the vessel with the high class service always maintained on Admiral Line vessels, the usual Chinese stewards were secured at this port, and the crew of American and Philippine, who had been employed in the United States to care for the U. S. troops carried by the vessel to Manila, were removed.

As some few of these men became intoxicated and boisterous, the police were notified in the interests of keeping peace in the Colony. The Police were requested to furnish a few officers to stand by in case any disturbance was created by the men. The fullest co-operation was secured from the Police Department.

RIVER TRAFFIC.

TRADE INCREASE DURING PAST MONTH.

The river steamers plying in the Delta all record better business over the past few weeks. Fair silk and cassia cargoes have been coming down, while upward shipments of heavy goods and local manufactures have steadily increased.

The return of passengers for the last week of April are excellent, and the figures are but a repetition of those which have gone before, in so much as that arrivals far exceed the departures, showing Hongkong to be a true haven for all those who wish to escape the turmoil of Chinese administration.

Following are the figures for the last week of April:

	Ocean Going	Dep.	River	Arr.	Dep.
April 25	1720	942	4310	4528	
26	2433	1946	5416	5527	
27	1657	2330	5109	3500	
28	482	1250	4194	3259	
29	1119	3935	5551	3596	
30	2608	2280	4112	3208	
May 1	1262	52	3912	3476	
	11294	12922	32690	29860	

defendant after his arrival at the station. The defendant, continued witness, voluntarily handed him a bundle of English notes of various denominations amounting to \$99.10.

On being searched later, the defendant had only five cents besides the English notes in his pockets.

Replying to the defendant, witness said that the former seemed distressed.

Sub-Inspector Andrew produced statements made by the defendant in answer to the charges. In reply, he said that he had nothing to say.

The defendant, in making a statement from the dock, spoke of arriving in the Colony three years ago and of the work he had done since he came to Hongkong.

His Worship interrupted the defendant's narrative and pointed out that his story had no material bearing on the case. If he desired to make a statement he should confine himself to the charges.

"I admit the forgery was done by me," said the defendant "but was telling this story to show that it was done under pressing circumstances."

Making no further statement, the defendant was committed for trial at the June sitting of the Criminal Sessions.

HONGKONG'S TRADE.

CHINESE CHAMBER'S REVIEW OF LAST YEAR.

The annual report of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on the trade of Hongkong for the year 1926 states:

Yarn.

The number of yarn shops in the Colony have, in recent years, decreased considerably. At one time there were scores of yarn shops here. There was a notable decline in 1926. Formerly most of the yarn business was done with Kwongtung, Shantung, Newchwang and Peking. Recently, the yarn business in Shanghai has increased, and this has taken away much of the business formerly done by Hongkong.

Yunnan, Hothow and Pakhoi are the only places left where the yarns from Hongkong still go. None of the yarn shops in 1926 could be said to have made much profit. They were lucky they did not lose heavily.

Imports.

The local import business depends to a large extent upon Kwongtung and places along the West River. Since the strike in 1925 communication with the above mentioned places has been hampered, and with bandits and pirates active and an increase of taxation in Kwongtung on all goods from Hongkong, it was only natural that most of the local import firms were reported to have suffered losses.

Chinese Banking.

Most of the business done by the Chinese banks were in mortgages on shares and properties. The strike of 1925 caused a sudden drop in all shares and properties and many Chinese banks closed down. In 1926 the Chinese banks passed through one of the worst periods in their history.

Metal Shops.

Like other business in the Colony, metal shops were much affected by the strike. With the rise in sterling about October, 1926, some of the metal shops which had goods on hand, managed to make some money. Others are reported to have done little business.

The Nam Pak Hong.

With high interest prevailing throughout the year, and with most of the goods being delayed by the strike in 1925, few of the many Chinese firms of the Nam Pak Hong, the importers and exporters of Chinese goods and commission agents, could be said to have made much money.

Chinese Shipping.

With the exception of a few of the Canton and Hongkong river boats, the increase in the price of coal and a decrease in cargoes and passengers explain how most of the Chinese shipping companies are reported to have lost in 1926.

Insurance.

The amount of goods insured decreased. In marine insurance the position was even worse. Fire insurance was the only profitable business.

Flour.

Flour imported in 1926 was about 2,600,000 bags. Not much business was done during the six months when communication with Canton was interrupted. The outlook improved in the latter part of the year. American flour was chiefly in demand. There are nine flour firms in the Colony. About four or five are reported to have done little, but the others have more than made ends meet.

Printing.

The printing business was much affected during the year. The competition locally was keen. There are more than a hundred printing shops in the Colony.

Building Construction.

The building business during the year was far from bright, despite the fact that workers were willing to accept a decrease in wages. There were several cases of losses reported.

Tin.

Most of the tin came from Yunnan. With the sudden rise in the price of tin in the middle of the year, several, if not all, of the tin merchants made a good deal of money.

Leather.

The import of leather amounts to \$3,000,000 annually. During the strike in 1925 when it was impossible for leather merchants here to send goods to Canton, the price of leather in Canton considerably increased. Hongkong merchants who took the risk and sent goods to Canton at that time, made a great deal of money. After the restoration of communication in October, 1926, with a big shipment of leather to

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 31
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
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Following the strike of 1925, the number of ships touching Hongkong decreased and storekeepers and ship chandlers suffered somewhat. In October, with the rise of sterling, and consequent increase of prices of goods, the storekeepers transacted but little business.

The engagement is announced between Paymaster Lieut.-Com. F. J. Lloyd, R.N., and Florence Mainwaring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyland, of Parkin House, Penistone, Yorkshire. Lieut.-Com. Lloyd has recently been appointed to H. M. S. Bee, flagship of the Yangtze Flotilla, China.

Amoy, May 9.

Another piracy has to be recorded, the victim this time being the s.s. Fengpu, of the San Peh Steamship Company, while on a voyage from Canton to Shanghai. The ship left Canton on May 6th and the following day, at noon, whilst off Sing Island, pirates rushed the bridge and engine room and secured control. The Fengpu was taken to Bias Bay and anchored in a position one mile North of Tree Point at 4.25 p.m. A haul of approximately \$10,000 was made from the passengers.

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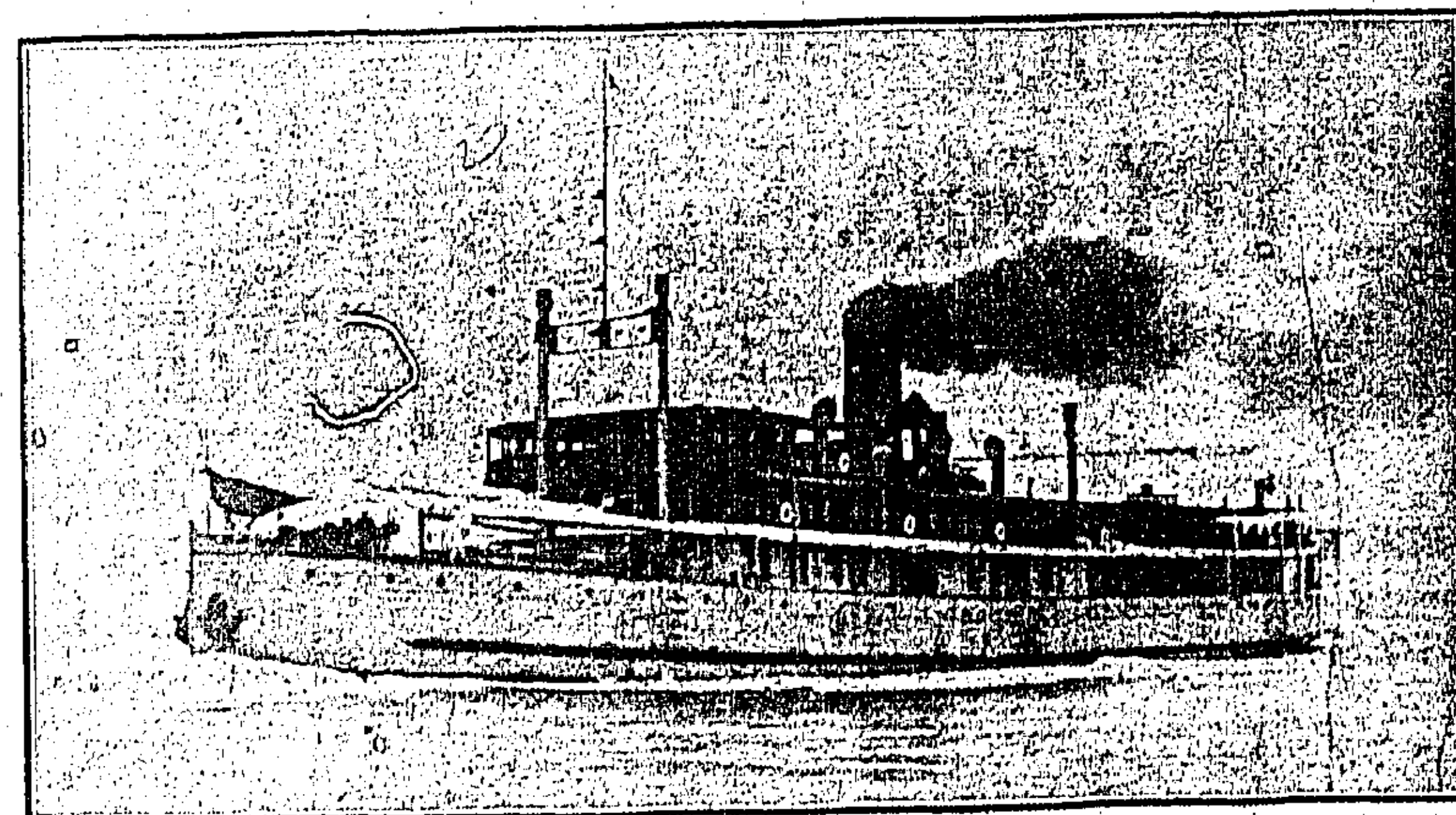
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GREAT EXCITEMENT
IN MANCHURIA.

HARBIN FULL OF WAR
RUMOURS.

"RED" WORKS ON C.E.R.

Mukden, April 19.
A seizure of the Chinese Eastern Railway, by order of the Marshal, with the consequent throwing-out of all the Red members of the staff, is predicted here as being the next step which the Chinese will take in the hope of dragging the Soviet into the open. Harbin is the greatest place in Asia for war rumours. This is only natural, since this city was the creation of the Russo-Japanese war and, moreover, threw upon the World War and the Siberian intervention. According to latest arrivals from Harbin, the chief topic of conversation now is the coming great war. In hotel buffets, on the street corners, in the motor buses and in cabarets they practically talk of nothing else.

The Reds in Harbin, of course, are highly nervous and everyone who had any dangerous literature lying around has been removing all traces of it. The various organizations likewise have got rid of everything of an incriminating nature, and some sarcastic persons have been heard to pass the remark that, in the Soviet Consulate, the heating system has been working overtime these past few days. The Red workers on the C.E.R. have been proposing to go on strike and those in charge of fuel depots have reduced stocks to the lowest possible minimum, with the idea of paralyzing the railway should the Chinese authorities proceed with their reported intention of seizing the C.E.R. and chasing out the Reds at present on its pay-roll.

Mukden's Close Guard.

In Mukden the Chinese authorities are taking no chances. All the avenues from and into the native city are closely guarded and carriages and automobiles, as well as rich men, and very often pedestrians, are searched. Some arrests have been made and, presumably, the authorities are out to arrest Kuomintang agents and Communists. A noticeable feature is that foreigners, including Russians, are not yet included in these searches.

A detective stated:—"We do not search foreigners because we are not in a position to judge off-hand whether they are people of extraterritorial countries or not, and, inasmuch as we may not search foreigners, we likewise may not search Japanese. This seems to me a pity, because a measure of this nature, to be efficient, must be extended to all. However, we are carrying on as best we can. Even in such a case as this, in exercising vigilance over those coming in and going out of the native city, we have to take extraterritoriality into consideration. I think you will agree with us that extraterritoriality often is irritating. It is true you have acquired it by treaty, but the time has come to have this point altered at least to the extent of permitting us to carry out our rights efficiently. In principle, I agree that, so long as our standards are different to those of foreigners, it would be unfair to treat foreigners on the basis of our standards, but there should be some *modus vivendi* until the standards are equalized."—N.C. Daily News.

FIGHTING ALL ALONG
YANGTZE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Last December in the Memorandum published at that date, and was further developed in the Memorandum of January.

His Majesty's Government would gladly co-operate with the United States and other Governments in carrying out this policy.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS.

GENERAL FENG'S
OFFENSIVE.

Shanghai, May 11.
Only meagre news is available of the war movements in the interior.

It is known that General Feng Yu-hsiang is moving in force from Shensi.

Nationalist reports declare that Feng's troops are now driving rapidly into Honan against the Fengtien flank, and that Feng is personally directing the operations from Tungkuwan on the Yellow River, 70 miles from Sianfu; also that his troops have occupied Shenchow, 80 miles from Honanfu, which is Feng's immediate objective.—Reuter.

WHERE WISE RULE
PREVAILS.

SITUATION IN TAICHOW
ABLY HANDLED.

BATTLE WITH THE REDS.

The news of late from Taichow, (on the coast between Poochow and Shanghai) has been mostly of a hopeful character, writes a correspondent of the N. C. Daily News. During February and part of March, affairs were in a very unsettled state, and, judging from reports that reached us, one could not but feel grave doubts as to what would be the upshot. Some of the more rowdy elements threatened to take into their own hands, things that did not lawfully belong to them. They made demands about foreign property, but fortunately were met by cool and level-headed men who seemed to know how best to deal with them. As has happened more than once since 1925 the good sense of the people generally has prevailed over the wild schemes of the hot-heads. Fortunately, too, a fair-minded magistrate has been in office, and one who still makes his moderation known to all men.

Christian services on Sundays, are not interfered with, the worst that has happened being shouting outside the church during service:—"Down with the foreign church!" "Destruction to the Christian teaching!" The Christian schools are open and the numbers of scholars are well up to the average. All work is being carried on by Chinese Christians. They have passed and are passing through very trying experiences, and doubtless will be all the stronger for having done so.

Rumours of Fighting.

May 2.

Since writing the above rumours have come through that fighting has taken place in Taichow city between Communist soldiers and those loyal to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek. So far, it has been impossible to ascertain definitely what has taken place.

Peace once more reigns in the Dazhi district, and people have settled down to their agricultural and business pursuits. Most of the people there are devoutly hoping that at least this year will pass before the sound of guns again is heard amongst them.

NO LICENSE MONEY.

FLIGHT OF RESTAURANT
KEEPER.

A Chinese partner of the World Restaurant of No. 224, Des Voeux Road, Central, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a charge of selling liquor without a license.

Sub-Inspector F. Shaftain, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted while the defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum of Messrs. D'Almada and Mason.

It appears that the World Restaurant possessed a license for selling liquor but failed to renew the license at the beginning of this year.

Mr. McCallum handed the Magistrate copies of correspondence which had taken place between Messrs. D'Almada and Mason and the S.C.A. He added that several partners of the World Restaurant were at present away at Canton and that the defendant could not raise the money necessary for the license. However, his client could pay the cost of renewal of the license by instalments but the Government was not prepared to accept that. He therefore pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

Sub-Inspector Shaftain said that the summons was taken out on the instructions of the Treasury. The defendant had been definitely warned on the 22nd April not to sell liquor on his premises but a few days later a man was sent there by the S.C.A. and he managed to make a purchase.

Mr. McCallum stated that the landlord, on hearing that the present summons had been taken out, had seized the premises as it appeared that the rent was also in arrears.

Defendant was fined \$100.

Nearly 100 extra pairs of overshoes for the coming tourist season are now on order for the Chapter House, Westminster Abbey, one of London's fascinating historical places. During the season more than 500 persons visit it each day, but, according to the attendant, this number includes very few Londoners. The wearing of the overshoes supplied is a condition of entry to the Chapter House. When first opened, 40 pairs of overshoes were sufficient. There are now 120 pairs, and before long there will be more than 200.

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RECENT CROPS OF
FORGERIES.

Fashions in postage stamps are usually responsible for a crop of forgeries, and the collections of many a stamp lover contain specimens of the forger's art. Two issues which are now being counterfeited are the Malta surcharged "postage" and the Port Sudan Commemorative Stamps of Egypt. The 4d. and 2s. values of the Maltese stamps are rather scarce, and a number of forged reproductions are on the market. A set of the Port Sudan group fetches as much as \$20, and the would-be buyer cannot be too cautious, for here, too, some illicit issues are up for sale and are difficult to distinguish from the genuine article. That quite a mint of money is made by postage-stamp forgers is

illustrated by two Frenchwomen who were arrested last July for selling bogus specimens of such rare stamps as the early copies of Mauritius and the triangular Cape of Good Hope. One was posing as a countess, and both were living in the lap of luxury.

It is not often that the forger concentrates his attention on rare issues, however; he usually prefers to fake stamps of medium values, because the collector seldom troubles to have his specimens examined by an expert.

Consult An Expert.

It is noteworthy that, although experts are available in Britain, they are seldom consulted. Even when they are, and stamps are found to be fraudulent, no steps are taken to inform the police. On the Continent, however, where interest in philately is perhaps more widely disseminated, experts abound and work hand in glove with the police.

This is probably the reason why stamp forgers are more frequently run to earth on the Continent. Only last August a well-known stamp dealer was arrested for importing false postmarks on Thurn and Taxis and Holligoland unused stamps with a view to increasing their value.

Italy is the home of stamp forgers, who work in gangs on a large scale, and have representatives in other European countries. About a year ago, an Italian arrested in Paris had nearly 250,000 forged stamps in his possession. Unfortunately, the gang to which he belonged had already disposed of more than a million.

The Italian forgers have so perfected their printing-plant that even experts have failed to distinguish the spurious from the genuine stamps. Still, it generally pays the keen collector, before parting with a fair sum of money, to have his prospective purchase examined by a reputable agency, and its genuineness established.